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Tory chairman looks forward to challenge of life as last colonial ruler

Patten risks political career on **Hong Kong**

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

CHRIS Patten, the man who masterminded the Conservative election victory but lost his own seat, is to be the new governor of Hong Kong. He will run the colony until it is handed over to China at the end of June 1997.

The job, which Mr Patten described as one of the most challenging in public service, was offered to him on the morning after the election. Yesterday, he said he was

honoured to accept. John Major expressed delight at his friend's decision, adding: "He will have a vital job to do at a crucial time. No and said there should have one could do it better. It is one of the government's highest priorities to manage the transition to 1997 so as to safeguard Hong Kong's freedom. stability and prosperity."

The appointment will occu-

py Mr Patten until after the next election, and although he is reminding friends that he will be only 52 when his term of office ends, he accepts that five years away from mainstream domestic politics poses a high risk to his chances of resuming his

There had been no consultation with Hong Kong about

INSIDE Share offer

over tunnel oart payment in shares to avoid Eurotunnel, the developer, having to seek more cash. Talks are taking place Mr Patten will take up in between Eurotunnel and the July. brings him formidable main contracting group, powers and — if he wants it — Transmanche Link, to seek a a peerage on retirement. As solution to soaring costs and the Queen's representative,

Sales winner

Dillons scored a victory in the high street book war when figures showed it had sold twice as many of some titles in the past year as its closest Page 5

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Claim upheld

A woman who was dismissed for having an affair with her boss won her claim for unfair dismissal. Her employers

Tripoli dissent

Diplomats reported dissent inside the government of Colonel Muammar Gaddali and said that public criticism of the regime had become

Times award

Neil Bennen, banking correspondent of The Times, has won the junior financial journalist of the year award by the Wincom Foundation. He was honoured for general excellence in City reporting, particularly during the BCCI banking collapse Page 17

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the choice of Mr Patten, but reaction there was mostly favourable. While some local politicians complained that he had been given the gover-norship, with its £152,000 a year tax-free salary, to cover his disappointment in losing his Bath seat, most appeared pleased that Hong Kong would be led through the crucial phase by a politician with clout who has a direct

line to John Major and Doug-

las Hurd.

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman George Foulkes accused the government of treating the appointment as a 'super-consolation prize' been proper consultation to find the best person for the job. But he added that Labour would co-operate with Mr Patten in his new role. Sir David Steel, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman who had been mentioned as a possible can-didate, said: "We wish him

luck in a challenging post."

Mr Major had offered Mr Patten several choices when they met on the morning after the election. Those included staying in the government and going to the Lords, creating a by-election to give him the chance of returning to the Commons, or becoming Hong Kong governor. Mr Patten, who also received offers from outside politics, hesitated only to make family arrangements before accepting the Hong Kong post. He rejected the by election option Contractors building the Channel tunnel may receive He will remain as party chairman until the local elections

on May 7 The governorship, which Tunnel dispute, page 16 council, disband the legislature, declare martial law and rule by decree. His authority extends to being commanderin-chief of the 11,000-strong

> The new governor answered critics of his appointment at a Foreign Office press conference yesterday, saying: "1. hope I will be able to demonstrate by the way I do the job



Patten prepares for Hong Kong: "This is one of the most important jobs in the public service"

By NIGEL HAWKES

ing, of Cambridge University,

not usually noted for over-

statement, said: "It is the

Hawking: excited by

astronomers' findings

discovery of the century, if not of all time". Carlos Frenk, of Durham University, declared

it "the most exciting thing

that's happened in my life as a cosmologist." More than one astronomer compared

the finding to discovery of the

The physicists and astrono-

mers were saluting a finding

that appears to confirm theo-ries of what happened in the

earliest moments of the uni-

verse. Dr George Smoot, of the University of California at Berkeley, and colleagues an-nounced on Thursday that.

with the help of a Nasa satel-

lite, they had detected evi-

dence of the first "ripples" of Continued on page 16, col 7

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Holy Grail.

in the next five years and by my commitment to the interests of the people of Hong Kong that I was the right

appointment."

He sidestepped questions about whether he had written off his Westminster political career, concentrating instead on his new role: "This is one of the most important jobs in the public service and it is immensely challenging. It involves above all safeguarding the interests of the people of Hong Kong. I hope to represent their interests in London and in China.

When I looked at the scale of the job, when the prime minister and foreign secretary first mentioned it to me, it seemed to me I could not look for anything more challenging for the next five years. I've long admired the Hong come to the job with a determination first and foremost to uphold the interests of all the people of Hong Kong."

The Chinese embassy in London yesterday sent Mr Patten its congratulations and said: "We hope that Mr Patten will continue to maintain the close co-operation with the Chinese side to ensure the continued prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and the smooth transfer of power in 1997. This is where the common interests of China and Britain lie."

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Mujahidin agree to share Afghan power

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

AFTER a week of hectic bargaining, the leaders of ten Afghan Mujahidin groups agreed in Peshawar yesterday to form a 50-member interim council which will take power in Kabul on Monday.

The agreement was reached just 48 hours before a deadline by Guibuddin Hekmatyar, the radical fundamentalist leader, to attack Kabul expires.

The council, which is to be headed by Sibghatullah Mujadadi, the leader of the National Salvation Front. will have five members from each guerrilla group, including Mr Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami and Ahmad Shah Masood's Jamiat-i-Islami.

The guerrilla leaders, deliberating in Peshawar, also met Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister of Pakistan. A senior Pakistani foreign ministry official said the council would control the administration for an interim period of two months with the task of enforcing a ceasefire and arranging an amnesty. In the second phase, the official said, the council will be Continued on page 16, col 1

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Hunt on 500 feared lost for dark in ruins of city secret of Explosions that zig-zagged seven miles through the streets left scenes of devastation reminiscent of the Somme, Martin Fletcher writes from Guadalajara universe

Cenes of utter devastation Din La Reforma suburb of Mexico's second city, Guadalajara, following the series THE universe reacted calmly of explosions in its sewage system made the latest offiyesterday to news that its ultimate secret had been ex-posed. Stars twinkled, planets cial death toll estimates of 186 last night seem impossiwent about their business unby small. Newspapers put the number of wounded at disturbed, and the sun shone no more brightly than on any 1.400 with 1,229 homes and other day for the past few 637 vehicles destroyed. Unmillion years. Astronomers, official reports suggested up however, went crazy. Professor Stephen Hawk-500 Deop

missing. Like a cartoon trail of dynamite, the sequence of ex-plosions followed the line of a sewer pipe that zig-zagged more than seven miles

through the district. The whole area resembled the Somme after the first world war. Where once there were paved streets lined by shops and homes, there was only a gigantic trench, puncmated by even deeper craters and strewn with rubble, broken pipes, cables and twisted iron. The front of buildings on each side had been blown away. Scores of cars and lorries had been crushed, overturned or literally hurled on to roofs. Lamp-posts were snapped in two, huge halfton blocks of concrete were caught in the few trees left standing. Palms and telegraph poles were resting at

crazy angles. There were touches of absurdity. A single television aerial stood unscathed on top of a stump of wall. The ferns in two flowerpots had survived while a home was destroyed around them. A single mango on a row of shelves showed that one mound of rubble had once been a shop. Chairs and a table sat untouched on what appeared to be a first-floor balcony. In fact the "balco-

what had been a kitchen. From deep inside one wrecked building a trapped dog yelped and yelped in the darkness, but no one took any notice. Across a city en-

ny" was the very back of

veloped by asphyxiating dust, every manhole cover had been removed to let whatever gas had caused the explosions to escape. Throughout the night, illuminated by temporary floodlights and flashing blue lights, thousands of soldiers, police and volunteers laboured in the rubble with masks across their mouths and noses. From time to time colleagues brought them polythene bags of drinking

Amid the bulldozers and mechanical diggers, families, allowed back for the first time, sifted through the pathetic rubble of their homes to salvage what they could. One man struggled to open the misshapen drawer of a twisted metal desk. Next door a family had placed their evening's pickings on a single table — a television set, a glass, a pair of jump leads and a china bird. Another family, limping away with a child's bicycle and a carrier bag of possessions topped by a teddy bear, returned to show me their home. The kitchen at the back, where four children had been eating breakfast, was more or less intact. In front of that was a bedroom open to the sky, with the ceiling lying on the bed. In front of that was an empty space which had once been the living room. Like most families in La Reforma, they had no insurance and doubted they would receive any

compensation. These are angry people. Earlier in the week the authorities had been informed of noxious gas odours leaking from the sewers but had failed to act, and they now believe the government is covering up. "It would have been another story if the gas had been found in a rich area," said Enrique Ramirez, a 33-year-old car-Continued on page 16, col 7

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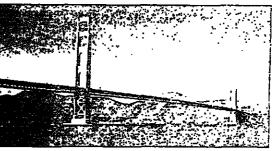
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Masons ask women into their 10,000 audience

By JOE JOSEPH

MAKE friends with a freemason. In their boldest attempt yet to convince doubters that they do not spend their evenings inventing new handshakes or lining each other up with business deals, freemasons are opening their doors for the first time to the media and to invited women guests.

The welcome is part of celebrations to mark the 275th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England and the silver jubilee of the Duke of Kent's installation as grand master. It is a chance to make masonry less murky.

"We've been trying for a long time to persuade people we're not furtive." Michael Higham, grand secretary, says. "Once in 275 years, we are allowed to let people see what we do." He says that masons have benefited from the new openness: "People no longer regard us as sinister."

More than 10,000 masons from around the world will gather for the celebration in Earls Court stadium, London, on June 10. Mr Higham says that the meeting will enact masonic business. "which we hope will be of some interest to the public".

The crowd would include famous masons, "but it will be up to you to recognise them in the scrum". he says. Prince Michael of Kent and the Duke of Edinburgh are masons. John Major? "I haven't heard that he is. It's up to him to tell you." Mr Higham, a former Royal Navy commander, says that film stars belong and that more young men are attracted to masonry, but he has no news on whether its reach has em-braced such young celebrities as Jason Donoran or Nigel Kennedy.

Confounding those outsiders who thought that Mozart was spurned by fellow masons for revealing craft secrets in The Magic Flute, the celebrations will

include a concert at Freemasons Hall in London of excerpts from the opera. "Mozart was a mason, and a good one."
Mr Higham says. Although The Magic
Flute contains aspects of ritual. "you
won't find out much about what goes on in a masonic meeting". As for tittletattle that masons arranged Mozart's early demise for revealing their secrets, Mr Higham says: "That's hooey."

Masonry raises money for charity, but it is largely about "chubbability", he says. "Men like to be together, just like women like to be together. No one thinks the Women's Institute is sinister." But he would not want you to think that it was like those American groups that spend their free time hunting and hugging each other. "Going into the woods at weekends is taking things a little far."

Now that she is no longer required in Tripoli, perhaps the BBC will send Kate Adie to monitor the proceedings.

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Woman sacked for affair with boss wins job fight

A WOMAN dismissed for having an affair with her married boss won her claim yesterday for unfair dismissal yesterday after her employers were criticised for being oldfashioned. It was completely unreasonable to cite an office affair carried out discreetly as grounds for dismissal, the vest London tribunal said.

Helen Zao, a sales executive at the Richmond offices of the Singapore-owned Times Printers Ltd, was told by the company's vice-president in January last year that her 15month affair with her boss, Bobby Tan, infringed her contract. This demanded she behave in a "seemly and proper" manner and she was told to resign. Mr Tan's contract contained no such

Ms Zao, a divorcee with two children, refused to leave

PART of a collection of an-

tique Chinese snuff bottles

has been stolen from Burgh-

ley House, the Elizabethan

mansion near Stamford, Lin-

coinshire. A thief broke a

window in a first-floor room.

levered the lock off one of

three cases containing the

bottles, and stole 143 of the

The total value of the items

is not known, but estimates range from £250,000. They

were part of a collection

assembled by the sixth Mar-

144 in the case.

and was sacked from her £16,000 a year job the following month. Mr Tan, who earned £50,000 a year, was also forced to hand in his

After the affair was discovered the two were told that



Zao: loss of job "was a complete shock"

show by the windows in the

Heaven Room, on the house's

greatly sought after by collec-

tors, and the Burghley hold-ing of about 400, made from

a variety of precious metals,

was renowned. The world

record, for a rare Imperial

nineteenth century Jadite snuff bottle, is £309, 100, paid

at Sotheby's, Hong Kong, in

well documented and the bot-

The Burghley collection is .

Chinese snuff bottles are

main tourist route.

their office's performance her successor, who was on a had been the worst in the company. Ricky Ang, a director of the company, said: "I am sure that your actions have played a part in these performance figures."

David Milton, tribunal chairman, said that the company, which prints Newsweek and The Economist, had not investigated the matter properly. The panel was not satisfied that the affair was a breach of Ms Zao's contract. Granting her claim for unfair dismissal, Mr Milton said: This is a problem that a reasonable employer has to deal with on an understanding and fair basis."

He said, however, that Ms Zao, of Isleworth, west London, had failed to prove sexual discrimination or that she was entitled to damages on the basis of equal pay with

Burghley snuff bottles stolen

believed that they were stolen

Lady Victoria Leatham,

daughter of the late Lord Burghley, said that she was

deeply shaken by the loss, and

had taken steps to remove

other snuff bottles from the

display, and to improve sec-

urity. Lady Victoria lives at

the house with her husband and two children. Direct

ownership of the house

passed to a charitable trust

woman with balls."
"I think that was meant as a compliment," Ms Zao said. After the case, Ms Zao, who has since set up a printing broking business with Mr Tan, said she was pleased with the tribunal's decision. "I set out first of all to preserve my self-respect. I could not let someone treat me as they did without fighting back. Other employees would have resigned to avoid publicity. I am glad I brought this out into the open."

higher salary. The amount of

compensation she is to receive

panel was "unimpressed" by

Mr Tan's evidence that while

Ms Zao was told to resign or

be dismissed, he was given

the option of returning to

Singapore to stay in work. "It

is clear on the evidence that

higher management had de-

cided that both these employ-

ees were going to be dismissed, come what may,"

Ms Zao, whose affair ended

shortly after she was dis-missed, said that she first

heard that her relationship

had been discovered when

she saw a fax from Singapore

which spoke of her resigna-

tion. "It was a complete and

absolute shock," she told the

tribunal. She had been ex-

pected to abide by Singapor-

ean culture and resign out of "shame and disgrace". When

Mr Milton said that the

will be decided later.

Pakistani stretches for record

By Peter Victor

A CIVIL servant from Pakistan squeezed into the record books yesterday when he was officially recognised as the world's tallest man, by a quarter of an inch. Mohammad Alam Channa, 39, who is 7ft 612 in, is already in The Guinness Book of Records for having the biggest feet, at size 22.

Norris McWhirter, publisher of the book, gave Mr Channa a certificate in London after Peter Rowan, medical contributor to the book, took his vital statistics. His hand, at 11in from the heel of the palm to the tip of the middle finger, was adjudged another record.

The previous tallest man,

at 8ft 3in, was Parimal Chandra Barman, 27, who died recently in London. Chris Greener, of Kent, who took over the title until yesterday, remains Britain's tallest man, at 7ft 64 in. The all-time tallest was Robert Wadlow, who was 8ft 11.1in. Mr Channa said that he

she refused the company's would use his celebrity status vice-president, Ronald Pereira, told her: "You are a to raise money for a charitable trust he founded for the poor in the region around his home in southeast Pakistan. "I do not mind people staring at me, but there are times when I wish I could blend into the crowd." There is little chance of that. He has already been offered cameo parts in American action

> Mr Channa has a specially designed house including a 10ft bed. His chauffeur-driven car has had the front pascan stretch his legs.



Congratulations: tourists meet Mohammad Alam Channa in London

Cook urges review of leader contest

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE two top campaign teams in the Labour leadership contest called last night for an immediate review of the nomination system for the leader to ensure that more candidates were given a

On Thursday night both John Smith, the front runner, and Bryan Gould suggested that the union block vote for leadership elections should be abolished. Campaign managers for the two contestants argued yesterday that another rule, that all candidates need support from 20 per cent of MPs before they can be nominated, should be

changed. Robin Cook, Mr Smith's campaign manager said that the rule was intended to stop frivolous challenges, not to stop valid candidates in an open contest. He would be calling for an urgent review at the NEC meeting on Wednesday to keep the present figure when there was an existing leader but to drop the barrier to one tenth of Labour MPs when there was a vacancy in the leadership contest after this one. David Blunkett, Mr Gould's campaign manager,

wrote to Larry Whitty, Labour party general secretary urging him to review the nomination rules immediate

Meanwhile a dispute broke out among trade union lead-ers yesterday after the Labour leadership contenders sig-nalled that they wished to weaken union links with the Labour party. Trade unions are also under pressure to ballot members on the leadership election. Ken Gill, general secretary of the Manufacturing, Sci-

ence and Finance union said that it would be "a disaster" to do anything which would exclude the unions but accepted that the weighting given to the union block vote might have to diminish. At the moment trade unions have 40 per cent of the leader-

ship vote.
John Edmonds, GMB leader, said on Radio 4 that the block vote should go with-

in three years.

Several trade unions will decide in the next few days whether to ballot members over the leadership contest.

may be detected in one line

In the scathing and at

times emotional attack on

Professor Rose's under-

standing of the poetry,

Hughes says that her inter-pretation is "fantasy" that

would be accepted as dam-

aging fact.
Professor Rose said: "I

think it is a very extraordinary letter. I do take of-

fence at his claiming a

monopoly on the emotional life. In writing the book I

of the poem.

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Hughes finds fault with book on Plath

BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, has attacked a book about the poet Sylvia Plath, his first wife, claiming that it will cause their children unnecessary suffering. His comments, in a letter in yesterday's Times Literary Supplement, are the latest chapter in the long running dispute be-tween the Plath estate and interpreters of her life and

Hughes says in his letter that the book. The Haunting of Sylvia Plath by Jacqueline Rose, professor of English at London University, contains interpretation which distorts and reinvents Plath's "sexual identi-ty with an abandon I could

hardly believe — presenting her in a role that I vividly felt to be humiliating to Sylvia Plath's children". The offending passage oc-curs in a reading of The Rabbit Catcher in which Professor Rose suggests a note of sexual ambiguity become a feminist icon and the Poet Laureate has been

much vilified by the wom-

had to have regard not only for the feelings of Ted Hughes, but for the wider readership."

Hughes, who controls Plath's literary estate, and his sister Olwyn Hughes have reacted fiercely to the publication of previous bi-ographies of Plath, who committed suicide in 1963. Since her death, Plath has

Sister on hunger strike

THE sister of the suspected terrorist Joseph "Mad Dog" Magee has been on hunger strike since last week, a court

was told yesterday. Kathleen Magee. 30, of Derby, appeared before Derby magistrates for the second time in relation to a charge of failing to disclose information which could lead to the apprehension of persons wanted for acts of terrorism. She faces a second charge of impeding the arrest of people believed to be involved in the killing of Sergeant Michael Newman, an Army careers

The court was told that Ms Magee had been refusing food since her arrest last week. At one point during her detention in police custody she was taken to hospital for medical checks, the prosecution said.

Magistrates refused bail. Reporting restrictions were not lifted, and she was remanded for seven days.

Workshop sale The contents of the workshop of Michael Sams, the tool

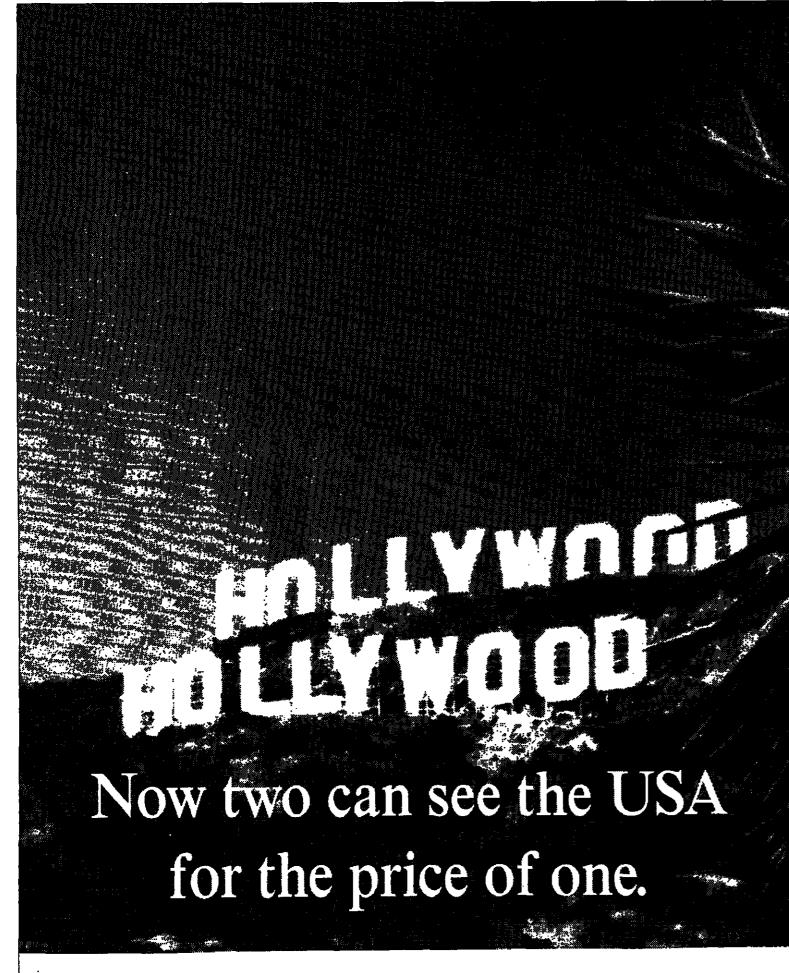
repairer accused of abducting Stephanie Slater, the Birmingham estate agent, will be sold at auction in Newark, Nottinghamshire, today. The items. examined by police hunting the kidnapper, include claw hammers and razor saws. Lawyers will hold the expected £5,000 proceeds pending Sams' divorce settlement.

Charity choice

Richard Fries has been ap-pointed chief charity commissioner by the Home Office. Mr Fries, 51, head of the broadcasting and miscellaneous department at the Home Office and who prepared the white paper on charities which preceded this year's Charities Act, takes over on June 1. He replaces Robin Guthrie, who is to take up a post with the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

VC auctioned

An RAF pilot's Victoria Cross, awarded for bravery during a bombing raid over Germany in the second world war, sold for £57,200 at Christie's in London. Flying Officer Leslie Manser was 20 when he took part in the raid on Cologne involving I,060 bombers in May 1942. He died when the plane crashed after being hit by flak. He had stayed at the controls to let his crew bail out



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An affair

of state My masters at the GRU must have

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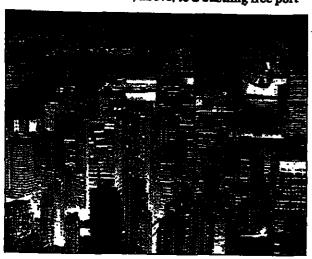
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Last colonial ruler presides over empire's final flicker



Changing faces: the colony has been transformed from a barren island, above, to a bustling free port



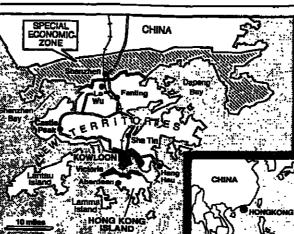
ACQUIRED by the British in 1842, Hong Kong is known as a place of skyscrapers, glamorous hotels, seemingly endless streets, narrow alleys

and shopping arcades. But when the first governor, Sir Henry Pottinger, took up residence in a tent 150 years ago it was a barren island with a population of 5,000. Now the 28th and last governor has two official resilences and presides over the final flickers of empire due to be snuffed out in June 1997 when the colony is handed back to the Chinese.

The island of Hong Kong

was ceded in perpetuity to the United Kingdom after the First Opium War of 1842 when it was occupied by the British. Under the headline 'China. Peace Concluded", The Times reported the event in November 1842 with the words; "The island of Hong Kong is ceded for ever to Her Britannic Majesty". Further territory was added in 1860 when the peninsula of Kowloon, opposite the main island, was annexed and in 1898 when Britain demanded and obtained a 99-year lease on the mainland north of Kowloon and the adjoining

Chris Patten faces a momentous task as governor of Hong Kong, Britain's last significant colony, as it nears a turning point in its history, Ray Clancy writes



Hong Kong's magnificent harbour, its free-port status and its potential for trading with the Far East, were the main reasons that the British government was interested in this far-flung outpost. The great trading companies set up their headquarters under the British flag and com-merce grew, with the popula-

tion increasing from 5,000 in 1841 to 500,000 in 1916 to

The colony's administration followed the usual Crown colony pattern concentrated in the hands of a governor advised by nominated executive and legislative councils on which government officials had a majority over all

the introduction of income and profits taxes for the first time in the 1930s because of a need to increase defence expenditure due to the threat of

The colony was occupied by the Japanese in 1941 and found itself in a sorry state at the end of the war. Food was in short supply and rice was rationed. Hotels were requisitioned to cope with the lack of accommodation, and lorries were converted for use as buses. There were changes to the political system, but alterations to the constitution over

the next decade were limited. The colony's population had declined under the Japanese and, at the end of the second world war, power was restored to the British. A big influx of immigrants from China in 1950 led to the frontier being closed.

The postwar period, however, saw the emergence of apowerful Chinese elite able to compete with and challenge British merchants and officials in all spheres of public life. Chinese firms came to dominate many aspects of pointed to the judiciary.



Pottinger: first took up residence in a tent

In the past 20 years acres of land have been reclaimed from the sea, power stations built and reservoirs constructed with the container port at Kwai Chung becoming the busiest in the world. Two underwater road tunnels now traverse the harbour: the Mass Transit Railway, the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the Light Rail Transit take millions of workers to offices and factories every day. More tunnels have been bored through the hills of

Kowloon and high-speed fer-

ries operate to Macau and

During the 1980s Hong Kong became a giant department store. For the first time shoppers from China were able to acquire foreign goods and absorb new ideas and

technologies.
Sir Edward Youde, appointed Governor in 1982. began the negotiations involving the termination of the lease of the New Territories. Margaret Thatcher visited Peking in September 1982 for private talks over the future of the colony. The Chinese government made it clear that the issue was not

negotiable. Secret talks followed and in 1984 the Sino-British Joint Declaration proclaimed that there would be a democratic government to oversee the continuation of Hong Kong's present way of life for the 50 years after 1997. But worries were voiced that the human rights and freedoms guaran teed in the declaration would not be honoured.

With Hong Kong on the brink of a turning point in its history Chris Patten has a momentous task to fulfil. He has to bear in mind the future of British people in the colony and Hong Kong Chinese who

Political career at risk on journey east

BY ACCEPTING the gover norship of Hong Kong, Chris Patten has taken himself out of Westminster politics until after the next election, leading some Tories to wonder if

He is going without ever having held one of the four great offices of state, although he was a privy councillor, having been environment secretary before he was party chairman. He is leaving what he says is a government led by one of his best friends in politics, practising the kind of Conservatism in which he fer-

vently believes. Why then go when the prime minister was willing to try to create a by-election vacancy for him or to keep him in the government in the House of Lords? He is going Hong Kong, say friends, because he wanted a real job

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young for the House of Lords" and because he was

deeply committed to the Bath constituency which rejected him at the general election and feels that he cannot simply transfer his emotions to another seat. He did not want to haunt the fringe of politics with people feeling sorry for

Mr Patten knows the risks involved in a five year gap. But he hesitated only to make family education arrangements before saying yes to Hong Kong and he is not ruling out a return to the political fray. He will be 52 when the governorship ends with the Chinese takeover in

His going will leave a sigranks in two ways. He has represented a significant proportion of the intellectual firepower of the Major administration. It was Mr Patten, along with Sarah. Hogg, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, who wrote the Tory

manifesto. Even Mrs Thatcher used to have him help to write her speeches and her manifestos despite the deep suspicions which Thatcherites retained about his "wet" instincts. Mr Patten, as the hate figure for the Tory right and the readymade scapegoat had the elec-tion been lost, has diverted some of the flak from the prime minister in the way that Norman Tebbit did for

Mrs Thatcher. Chris Patten resented the "wets" in 1981, reminding

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missed him as secretary of the shadow cabinet on succeeding Edward Heath, that loyalty cut both ways. He later admitted that she had been right about the market economy and the pace at which trades union reform could be

> In 1983 she made him a junior minister at the Northern Ireland office. He briefly held a middle rank job at education before becoming minister for overseas develop-ment in 1986. In 1989 he became environment secretary and attempted to rescue the poll tax and improve the government's environmental credentials as the Green Party temporarily crested a wave.

In the Tory leadership contest Mr Patten ran the campaign for his old mentor Douglas Hurd, with whom he had served in Northern Ireland and to whom he remains close. There was some surprise when John Major named him to run the party machine.

MPs questioned whether the droll, intellectually fastidious Mr Patten, would prove brutal enough or relish the rough and tumble. But he took to the necessary brutalities of party warfare with some relish.

Although he nelped to mastermind his party's victory in the general election, it was at the expense of losing his own seat in Bath.

For a politician who has admitted that he would like to be prime minister, he has taken a significant gamble. The fact that the people of Bath had more say in his appointment than the people of Hong Kong will not make it an easy start.

Patten risks career, page Leading article, page 13

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Home comforts: the official residence that Chris Patten will take over as governor of Hong Kong

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Cocked hat: Patrick Murphy, of Alan Bennett in Savile Row, adjusting a Wolsely hat of the type Chris Patten will be expected to wear

Rolls-Royce lifestyle for a Morris Minor driver

will propel Chris Patten into sions, pomp and circumstance in Hong Kong that are a far cry from his style in his former constituency of Bath, where he got around in an old Morris Minor (Ray

Clancy writes). A Rolls-Royce and two Daimlers are at the disposal of the governor of Hong Kong, supplemented by a 95ft yacht and several helicopters. At £152,000, the governor's tax-free salary is

most three times what Mr Patten earned as a politician and that without counting a non-accountable monthly entertainment allow-

ance of £2,800. But it is not, of course, difficult to spend money in Hong Kong. Half a dozen Dom Perignon Cuban cigars cost £85 at the Davidoff Cigar Boutique, while a bot-tle of Krug Clos Du Mesnil 1980 is £75 at Rémy Nico-

las. The Mandarin Food Shop creates wonderful food sculptures featuring a chocolate grand piano - a snip

A prolonged absence from Britain, it has been suggested, would almost certainly end Mr Patten's political ambitions. But commentators believe he is young enough at 48 to bounce back after 1997, when Hong Kong reverts to Chiawaits him in any case. selves at the governor's official residence overlooking Hong Kong's magnificent skyscrapers. At weekends

the family can retreat to the

governor's country house in

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from the China border. The governorship has been described as the best job in the world — for those who like Chinese food and do not mind wearing a

na. A guaranteed peerage cocked hat. Mr Patten will cocked Wolsely hat and all, that goes with the job.

The governor's power is impressive. Mr Patten will oversee a centre of world tion of six million. As commander-in-chief of the armed forces and chancellor of both Hong Kong's universities, he will attend military parades and hand out diplomas. He will also be chief scout.

Choice is generally welcomed

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG reacted philosophically last night to the appointment of Chris Patten, the Conservative party chair-man, to be its last colonial governor before it is handed back to Chinese rule on July 1. 1997.

Across the political spectrum, Mr Patten was welcomed as a good choice for the job, although Hong Kong had little input into the decision. However, there was some concern that Mr Patten had no knowledge of Hong Kong or Chinese affairs and would take years to develop the deep understanding of Chinese culture that the territory's diplomat governors have traditionally shown.

Despite the preference among some pro-Peking activists for a Hong Kong Chinese as a symbol of the

restoration of Chinese pride and the end of the colonial era, most have come to terms with the reality that Hong Kong has no say in the appointment.

Opinions are coloured by the fact that few here know enough about British political figures of any persuasion to make an educated choice. However, commentators felt Mr Patten would be able to pick up the phone to the prime minister and the foreign secretary and go over the head of the Foreign Office mandarins traditionally associated with appearement of China. There was a general welcome for the decision to send a political heavyweight with a reputation as a bril-Isle of Mon Office: 30 Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man. Tel: 0624 661868. Fax: 0624 661962. Liant negotiator.

Tough job in store for juggler

By Jonathan Braude

CHRIS Patten will preside over the return to China of Britain's last oriental possession on June 30, 1997. In his five years in office he will have to guide the territory between the authoritarian demands of China, the economic needs of big business and appeals for a faster pace of democracy from Hong Kong liberals. He will have to juggle the needs of the people of the colony with the competing interests of London and Peking.

Britain's diplomacy was often shown up as amateurish in the face of China's skill at getting its way over Hong Kong. But in Hong Kong many hope that Mr Patten's political instincts will take him on to victory in some of the remaining battles with China, bringing matters of

concern to Hong Kong people to London's attention at the earliest time. Soon he will have to take

decisions on the shape of Hong Kong's electoral system that will ensure an increase in the number of directly elected members of the colony's partly-appointed legislature without offending either the prodemocracy forces lining up behind Martin Lee, chair man of the liberal United Democrats, or the Chineseinfluenced business community, which emphasises stability and not offending Peking. By the time of the next general election in 1995 the system must be in place to allow the legislature to continue sitting under Hong Kong's new rulers after 1997.

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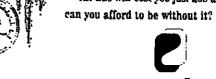
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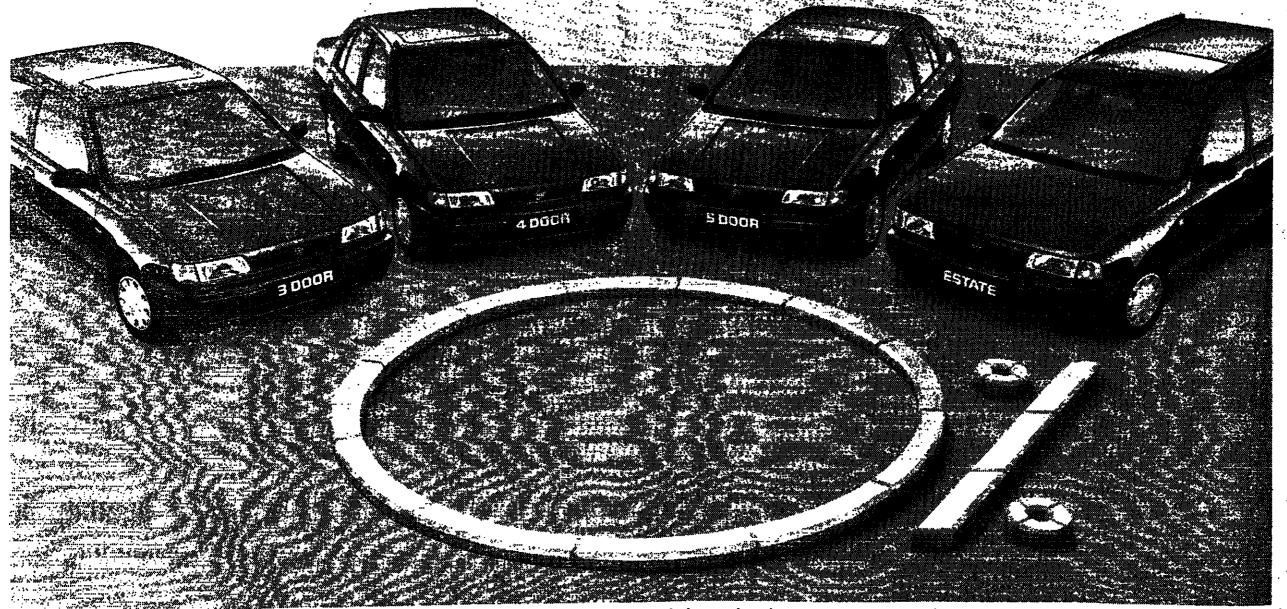
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Dillons' sales outstrip rivals in book price war

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DILLONS scored a victory in the high street book war yesterday when new figures showed that it had sold twice as many of some best-selling titles in the past year as its closest rival Waterstone's. The figures are based on sales of books published by Reed

Consumer Books. Dillons cut the prices of 22 titles and promoted them aggressively on price. Waterstone's discounted 40 titles before Christmas and spent nearly twice as much as Dillons on general advertising but it largely avoided pro-moting on price the books it had discounted.

Under the Net Book Agreement, which fixes the price of three-quarters of all British books, retailers can neither discount nor promote books on price. Waterstone's reluctantly opted to discount for fear of losing market share to Dillons, a vociferous oppo-

nent of the agreement.

Many booksellers and publishers had feared that abolition of the agreement would force booksellers to raise prices on non-discounted titles to recoup losses, as well as harm small independent shops which, they argued, would struggle to compete

Terry Maher, chairman of the Pentos group which owns

Pope and prince 'in accord'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales and the Pope stand together on many issues surrounding poverty and population, a Roman Catholic bishop said yesterday

The Rt Rev Vincent Nichols, bishop in north London, said that Third World countries were easy targets when looking for someone to blame the prospect of a world population doubled by the year 2050.

Earlier this week, the prince criticised those, led by the Vatican, that have blocked attempts to have population treated as a separate issue at the "Earth Summit" conference in Rio de Janeiro.

Bishop Nichols defended his church's family planning policy. "I think it is abhorrent to impose upon people programmes of birth control."

Ged Clapson, of the Catholic Fund for Overseas Dev-elopment, said: "We agree with a great deal of what Prince Charles said. Our policy is that population cannot be looked at in isolation. The cause of population growth is poverty. We do address the question of family planning but through natural means."

Dillons, said that the figures proved that all booksellers would be better off with the end of price-fixing. "It shows that retailers who discount and promote on price make more money, not less."

Reed books sold to both chains, including re-orders, in the year ending March 31 show that Dillon's strategy paid off. David Lodge's Paradise News, discounted by both booksellers but pricepromoted only by Dillons, sold 7,824 in Dillons and 3,615 in Waterstone's. Dillons ordered 5,946 copies of Alex Comfort's The New Joy of Sex in the year compared with Waterstone's 3,253.

In the case of Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Guide, the difference was even more pronounced, with Dillons ordering 14,089 and Waterstone's 4.827. The year before, Dillons sold only 4,000 of the book and Waterstone's about 4,200. Dillons, meanwhile, sold 4,434 copies of the Michael Shelden biography George Orwell compared to Waterstone's 1,974.

There were only two excer tions to Reed's list of 20 books. Waterstone's sold more copies (3,562) of Roddy Doyle's The Van, which was heavily promoted as a Booker shortlist title, than Dillons (3,181). Janet and Allen Ahlberg's children's book The Jolly Christmas Postman also did better at Waterstone's, which ordered 17,337 compared to 12,346 from Dillons.

Silence of the Lambs, discounted by neither chain, also did better in Waterstone's (28,599) than at Dillons (23,286).

But Tim Waterstone, who founded. Waterstone's ten years ago, said the Reed figures were "irrelevant", as they did not show how much stock at either chain had gone un-sold. Both chains denied, however, that they were overstocked.

Richard Charkin, chief executive of Reed Consumer Books, said: "Even if both are slightly overstocked, and I suspect they are, it would not mean much with these fig-ures. Books are ordered in small amounts and they wouldn't be reordering if they were overstocked enough to counter our sales figures."

He said: "There is no doubt whatsoever that the combination of discounting and promotion has substantially increased the sales of the titles in the various campaigns, our experience is that none of these additional sales have taken away sales from other outlets and our business with small independent booksell-ers has never been stronger."

But Sidney Davis, trade practice executive at the Booksellers Association, said: 'All it shows that if you promote heavily and spend a lot of money on advertising you can sell more books."

Octopus proves it is not a sucker

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANYONE despairing of teaching an old dog new tricks might be well advised to buy an octopus.

Researchers have found that the marine animals can learn tricks from humans and from each other, contradicting the widely-held belief that invertebrates, creatures without backbones, are incapable of such learning.

The researchers found in study that octopuses learned the tricks most quickly when taught by another octopus that had been trained. This was a particular surprise, because the animals are viewed by zoologists as being of the James Dean school of sociability. Indeed, their reputation as loners is so great that specimens are often kept in separate tanks to stop them coming to blows or eating one another.

The study has been made by Graziano Fiorito and Pietro Scotto, of the Naples Zoological Station's neuro-biology laboratory and the University of Reggio Calab-ria, using common octo-puses, Octopus vulgaris, caught in the Bay of Naples. The researchers, whose findings were published vesterday in the journal Science, taught some how to choose the correct ball from

a red and white one hung

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above the aquarium on ny-ion sticks. The correct ball was different for each of the invertebrate students. To see whether the creatures could learn, fish was

used as a reward for picking the right ball, and a mild electric shock was given as punishment for picking the After between 16 and 21

tries, the octopuses could work out which ball they were supposed to choose. However, if an untrained octopus watched a trained one, it needed only four tries to choose correctly. The researchers found

that the learning appeared to sink in, with animals retaining the lesson for up to five days.

Martin Wells, reader in zoology at the University of Cambridge, said that the finding appeared to be that the animals could learn from one another. Other invertebrates might be found to possess learning skills.

Learning from other animals by watching what they do is somewhat of an uncommon occurence, but possibly because people have not looked for it," Dr

Wells said He cited the case of bees. on which there has been much research, where one learned the route to food from another's dance.



Horse tales: Desert Orchid, the racehorse, and Jim Stone, chief travelling lad, outside Harrods at the launch of The Grey Horse — The True Story of Desert Orchid, by Richard Burridge, his principal owner

BA sued by crew who saved pilot

By David Young

CABIN crew members who prevented a pilot from being sucked out of a cockpit when its windscreen blew out at 17,000ft are claiming damages for trauma and negligence against British Airways. The pilot, Captain Tim Lancaster, is considering legal action.

Nigel Ogden, a steward on the BAC 1-11 aircraft which was carrying 81 passengers, said that the claim had been lodged through solicitors. "But we are prepared to take the matter through the courts if we don't get a satisfactory answer." The proceedings, with medical reports, would be put formally to BA in May.
BA confirmed that four of

the six cabin crew had lodged damages claims. A spokes-man said: "After the accident members of the crew were offered a free holiday, one involved a round-the-world trip and another a £10,000 honeymoon. All were given substantial amounts of paid leave and compensation for loss of earnings way beyond the legal requirement.

Captain Lancaster was saved by the crew members who hung on to his legs after he was dragged half out of the cockpit when the windscreen

blew out 20 minutes into the flight. The co-pilot landed the aircraft, which was en route to Spain from Birmingham.

BA's maintenance procedures were criticised in the official report into the incident. The report, by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch, found that a fitter had used the wrong bolts to secure the windscreen. The windscreen-fitting process. 27 hours before the flight in June 1990, was "characterised by a series of poor work practices, poor judgments and perceptual errors", the report said. The Civil Aviation Authority had failed adequately to monitor BA's maintenance procedures, it

added. Captain Lancaster's wife Margaret said: "Obviously he is considering taking legal action but I don't want to say

anything more at this stage."
Mr Ogden, of Solihull,
Birmingham, John Heward, purser, 39. Simon Rogers, steward, 30. of Solihull, and Sue Gibbins, stewardess, 32, of Solihull, are said to have been diagnosed as suffering from post-trauma stress and only Mr Heward is still flying. The others are off work with nervous complaints.

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Tourist's killing was brutal and senseless

A CORONER recorded a verdict of unlawful killing yesterday on Julie Stott, the British tourist shot dead during a street robbery in New Or-leans last week. Bryan North. the North Manchester coroner, told a hearing in Roch-dale, Greater Manchester, that the murder was a

Miss Stott, 27, of Eccles, Greater Manchester, was on holiday with her boy friend, Peter Ellis, when she was shot by a robber after leaving a restaurant in the French



Julie Stott: shot after leaving a restaurant

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By A STAFF REPORTER

quarter of the city. Mr North said that a report from a medical centre in New Orleans where Miss Stott died a few hours after the shooting showed that a .22 calibre bullet had lodged in her skull. She had also been shot in the right forearm. The inquest was told that her organs had been donated for transplant.

wanton, brutal and senseless A youth has been charged with her murder and with the attempted murder of Mr Ellis. Three other youths have been accused of being accessories to the crime. Miss Stott's parents, Ray,

60, and Margaret, 55, of Middleton, Manchester, were told by Mr North that they had his sympathy on what he called a dreadful occasion. He said: "This was a wanton, brutal and sense-less act which deprived them of a beloved daughter, the community of a talented young woman and her fiance of a loving future partner." The family believed that the couple were to become en-gaged during the holiday.

Mr Stott told the hearing that he had last seen his daughter, a textile designer with a firm in Bolton, when he took her to the airport at the start of her holiday, a week before the shooting. She met up with Mr Ellis, who had travelled from New Zealand, where he had been working, in the United States. Mr Stott said that Mr Ellis

had telephoned him from his hotel room to say that Miss Stott had been shot. He was later told by the hospital that she had died. Medical evidence read to the hearing said that a bullet had entered the right side of her head, nine centimetres above the ear. Mr Ellis did not attend

The coroner said that a New Orleans police report recorded that the couple were confronted by "a lone gunman who demanded they lie on the ground. When they did not comply instantly, the attacker shot at and missed Mr Ellis. He then fired at Miss Stott at least twice, striking her in the right forearm and right temple. Treatment proved fruitless and Miss Stott died a few hours later as result of a gunshot wound." Miss Stott's parents left the hearing



In the frame: judges voting on a contender for the BP portrait award at the National Portrait Gallery. London. The competition is open to artists aged 18 to 40 and the winner will be announced on June 4. First prize is £10.000, plus a £2,000 commission at the judges' discretion. The runner-up wins £4,000

Hospital charities shunned

CHARITABLE fund-raising stunts for hospitals should be boycotted because they enable the government to reduce its spending on the health service, the Scottish TUC annual conference said

yesterday.
Anne Middleton, health service organiser in Scotland for NALGO, the local government union, said it was obscene that sick people should have to depend on charity.

Delegates backed her call for
unions to explain why charity
undermined the health service and to demand that health boards should stop encouraging charity events because they disguised gov-

ernment under-funding.
Ms Middleton said: "We must give a clear message to the rabbits and furry bears, to the bed-pushers and the lunangs. By collecting money for health charities, you are no inend of the NHS. Put your energies to better use by campaigning for a properly fund-

By KERRY GILL

ed health service.'

Hospitals' dependence on charity events was a relic of on "flag days". Even sick children were used to promote campaigns. Charities were distorting medical priorities by exploiting people's emotions about sick children or high-technology.

Body of baby girl found in river

A body of a haby found yesterday in the river Nidd near Harrogate. North Yorkshire, has been identified by her father as Tara Calnan, aged five months, who had been missing since April 13.

Tara's body was recovered by police after it was seen by a man walking his dog along the river between Killinghall and Knaresborough. A postmortem examination has been carried out.A team of frogmen had been trawling a six-mile section of the river since the girl went missing.

Tara's mother. Maxine Davies. 29, of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, was remanded in custody by Harrogate magistrates on Thursday ac-cused of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to her daughter. She will appear in court again next Thursday.

Obscene discs

Vinson Pike, 22, of Moredon, Wiltshire, was fined £1,000 by Swindon magistrates after admitting four charges of advertising pornographic floppy discs for sale. The prosecution, under the Obscene publications Act 1964. is believed to be the first in connection with computerstored material.

Hoax sentence

A bus driver who made a hoax bomb threat to his girl friend's workplace after she jilted him was given 150 hours' community service and told to pay £240 costs by Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court. Staffordshire. Alan Jones, 35, Newcastle-under-Lyme. Staffordshire, admitted making the call to the warehouse.

Mouse in can

Haywoods Foods, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, has been fined £1,500 after a woman in Aylesbury, Buck-inghamshire, found part of a mouse's head inside a can of bean salad. The firm had denied producing a tin containing a rodent.

Freddie safe

Freddie the dolphin has been sighted playing alongside fishing boats off the north pier off Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, allaying fears that he had been drowned in fishing

Lynn, Norfolk, has given £12,000 to create special ponds on Roydon Common, six miles away, to attract damselflies and dragonflies.

Spirits flow

The Rev Colin Judd, vicar of St Columba's church. Great Horton; Bradford, is to be allowed to serve alcohol with meals at a restaurant opened in the building last year to boost church funds.

Short on verge of historic chess win

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short resumes play today in his world chess championship semi-final with the knowledge that if he wins he will become the first Briton to reach the final stage of the world qualifying competition. Short, 26, of West Hamp-

stead, northwest London, started his challenge two weeks ago, in Linares, Spain, against the formidable Russian, Anatoly Karpov. The Russian held the world title from 1975 to 1985 and has accumulated more first prizes in international tournaments than any other grandmaster or champion.

Few commentators gave Short a chance before the match, with The Times being a rare exception. Pessimistic forecasts appeared to be confirmed when Karpov won the first game. One down, Short struggled to draw the second game, although he had the advantage of the white

From that point on, he un-derwent a sea change. Short did not win game three, but he came close, and the 12hour draw took its toll of Karpov's stamina and nerves. The breakthrough came with a Short win in game four, repeated in game six after a drawn fifth game. In the sixth, a tired Karpov blundered away his queen and suffered one of the briefest and most humilating setbacks of his career.

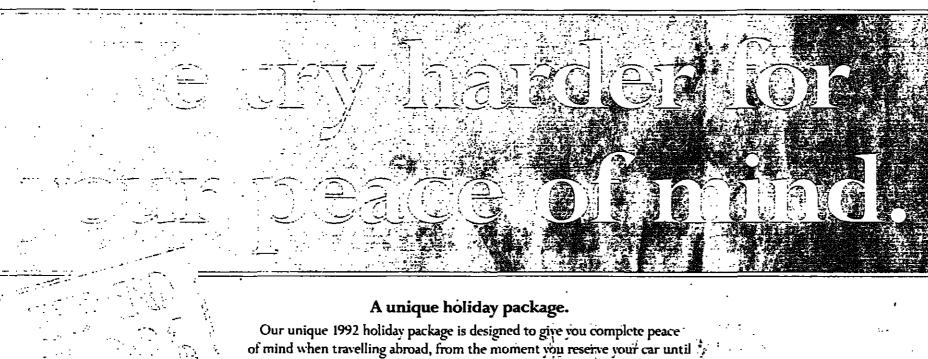
The former champion summoned up his reserves of energy and determination to draw level with a win in game seven, but then came the momentous eighth game. Rarely

has a player risen to such as Short displayed in this battle. A feint to the queen's side lured Karpov's pieces on to exposed and dislocated squares. Then came the true point of Short's strategy. In a flash, his forces were pointing directly at the black king and reduced to rubble. On the 36th move, the ex-champion extended his hand in a forlorn gesture of defeat.

Short leads the ten-game match by 412 points to 312. Although he starts this afternoon with the disadvantage of the black pieces, he will be ready to pounce if Karpov shows the slightest sign of over-reaching in his quest for the win he needs to keep him in the match.

If Short wins this afternoon, he will qualify for the final, in which he will meet either Jan Timman, of Hoiland, or Artur Yusupov, a Russian now playing for Germany. At the end of the road lies the prestige and the \$3 million prize fund of a world title challenge against Gary Kasparov in Los Angeles next

If Short arrives in Los Angeles as the challenger, he will have completed a global round-trip of qualifying events. First, in 1990, he won a massed tournament of grandmasters in Manila. Then, last year, he beat Jon Speelman in London on the final game of the match. In the quarter-final, held in Brussels last summer, he swept away the strong Rusgrandmaster Boris



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Conservatives will spend the weekend searching frantically for a Tory to fill the Speaker's chair. Jill Sherman reports on the battle and profiles the contenders Megale, strong Tory candidate to challenge the Labour MP ming and a Betty Boothroyd, the favourite for the Speakership of the House of Commons, is likely to continue at least until Monday afternoon.

Government whips and senior backbenchers have been frantically trying to drum up support for one of the four Tory candidates still running for the Speaker's job and canvassing is likely to go on throughout the weekend.

Miss Boothroyd, with support from both sides of the House, is widely expected to win the first serious contest for the post for 40 years. However, Tory MPs yester-day claimed growing support for Sir Giles Shaw, MP for Pudsey, and Terence Higgins, chairman of the treasury and civil service select committee, with Paul Channon considered a compromise candidate. There is little support for Peter Brooke, former Ulster secretary.

Several Tory backbenchers voiced alarm privately at the

Peter Brooke, above, the

former Tory party chairman, is now considered the least

likely Tory candidate to win,

and he and his friends have

spent little effort promoting his cause. Peter Bottomley,

said to be his campaign

manager, is abroad this

land secretary until the gen-eral election, is well liked and

respected, but most back-benchers frown on the idea.

of someone coming straight from a government post to

take up the Speaker's pos-ition. Mr Brooke, 58, MP for

City of London and Westminster South, was tipped as

the early front runner, but

the government whips seemed to have discounted

him yesterday. His dependable discreet-ness suffered a slight dent

chat show in Ireland earlier

this year, only hours after a bomb killed eight men in Northern Ireland.

Mr Brooke, Northern Ire-

THE scramble to find a party's failure to back one candidate. Despite moves by some campaign leaders to seek a consensus candidate, this seemed unlikely yester-day with the four still claiming they would bid for the job.

John Major has made clear that MPs must decide rather than a candidate being imposed on the House, although Downing street sources have indicated that given a Conservative majority Mr Major would expect a Tory Speaker. Sir Edward Heath, who as

father of the house will preside over the selection, or election of the new Speaker on Monday, hinted at his per-sonal view yesterday when he warned the government not to spend too much time throwing mud at the oppo-Sir Edward refused to com-

ment directly on the contest but said: "The Labour party has got a new intake, and from what we have seen of them they are very competent. They will also have the inducement to stretch us as far as they possibly can." Lab-our leaders expect the Conser-



BETTY Boothroyd, the former Tiller girl, looks likely to become the first Madam Speaker unless the Tories decide at the last minute to put their full backing behind one

Miss Boothroyd, a deputy speaker and Labour MP for West Bromwich, has been the front runner for more than week in spite of efforts by government whips to find a convincing candidate from the Conservative party.

Tipped for some time to be Bernard Weatherill's successor, Miss Boothroyd has the charisma, enthusiasm and sense of fun which her Tory opponents lack. Her no-nonsense approach and uncompromising right-wing stance in the party have won her several supporters among Tory backbenchers and it was thought that she might stand unopposed.

DOWNING Street have, however, said that the prime minister would prefer a Conservative Speaker so Miss Boothroyd is expected to force the first serious contest and vote for the post for nearly 40 years. She has been a deputy speaker since 1987.

Higgins vies for chair

TERENCE Higgins, an experienced and highly respected backbencher of 28 years' standing, is considered to be one of the top two Tory candidate. Mr. Wiscins 64 has dates. Mr Higgins, 64, has chaired the liaison committee that co-ordinates the work of parliamentary select committees, as well as the Treasury and civil service select committee, for most of the past two parliaments.

An independent-minded elder statesman with liberal social views. Mr Higgins is regarded by some colleagues

has never developed a high profile in the Commons. Made a Treasury minister of state in 1970, he moved to financial secretary to the Treasury in 1972. In opposition he was spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs and later on trade. He was too independent and too liberal socially to win office under Margaret Thatcher.



Paul Channon, above, is seen by his campaign team as the most likely compromise candidate should Tories fail to rally round Sir Giles Shaw or Terence Higgins. Mr Channon, MP for Southend West, is said to have wanted the Speaker's job, a position held by three of his ancestors, for several years.

He has held several senior government posts, experience which would would be useful during the potential turbulence in a parliament where the government has a small majority.

A conscientious worker, Mr Channon, 56, has weathered professional and personal storms while in government posts. He took over as trade and industry secretary in 1986 when Leon Brittan resigned over the Westland affair and had to cope with the death of his daughter, Olivia, a few months later. He became transport secretary in 1987. However, he is considered by some to be too diffident and shy for the Speaker's role.

Shaw the strongest rival

SIR Giles Shaw is expected to receive the widest backing from Tory MPs, although he still may not get sufficient support to be an effective challenger to Betty Boothroyd.

Sir Giles, MP for Pudsey, West Yorkshire, is well liked in the Commons. He has held junior ministerial posts ranging from under-secretary of state in the Northern Ireland office in 1979 to minister of state at the trade department in 1986. Considered a safe pair of hands, Sir Giles is well respected as a shrewd, detached, consensus seeker.

Sir Giles, 61, is an affable pragmatist and, according to friends, would be the Tory most acceptable to Labour in the event of Miss Boothroyd not getting the post. Tory sources have suggested that Sir Giles was well supported in a trawl of Tory MPs con-

ducted before the election. didate, partly due to his Yorkshire roots, he has been criticised only on one point his height. His petite daughter Henrietta once coxed for Cambridge, but the diminutive Sir Giles could also have

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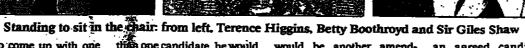
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an agreed candidate. In 1951 W.S. Morrison, Con-servative MP for Circnester and Tewkesbury, defeated Major J. Milner, Labour MP for Leeds South East, who had been deputy Speaker in the previous parliament. The last contested election before

Rhondda digs for gold in history

which once rang to the sound of thousands of pit boots, is turning to tourism to boost its sagging economy. The valley's own tourist board was launched yesterday with a brochure advertising attractions such as a coal tip, called Old Smokey, and the site of the 1910

The board hopes to entice visitors attending Britain's fifth national garden festival, which opens at Ebbw Vale next Friday. The main attraction is a heritage trail linking 21 sites that tell the

valley's colourful story. The Rhondda was once the centre of Wales's great coal industry, which, in its heyday, employed more than 250,000 people. The valley's 60 main pits have now all closed, with just scarred hillsides as grim reminders of the past minders of the past.

This history is encapsulated in the Rhondda Heritage Park, built into an old colliery at Lewis Merthyr, where the last "stay down" strike in Britain took place, in 1983. The park recreates life in the pit. The most poignant monument

THE Rhondda Valley, to the valley's past is at Maerdy, a village known in the 1930s as "Little Moscow. There, is a piece of coal cut on the final shift before the last pit in the Rhondda closed, in December 1990.

The board should not lack tourists, who spend an estimated £1.4 billion a year in Wales. The Wales Tourist Board launched a five-year development programme in 1989 to attract investment of £73 million. About 95,000 people, nearly 10 per cent of the workforce,

work in the tourist trade. Viscount Tonypandy, the valley's best-known son, Speaker of the Commons from 1976 to 1983, said: Tomorrow's Rhondda will be great. This marvellous valley will go from strength to strength."

Paul Loveluck, chief executive of the Wales Tourist Board, said: "Five years ago, when it was mooted that tourism would take place in the South Wales valleys, some people laughed Today, they are having to laugh on the other side of their face."



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German public-sector strike gathers pace

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

MOTORWAY maintenance men at the Cologne west crossroads downed picks and shovels yesterday morning to become the first of Germany's 2.3 million public employees to go on strike in 18 years. Shortly afterwards the 1,600 sorters in one of Hamburg's big post offices were called out indefinitely as their union announced that 95.4 per cent of members had voted to back industrial action in support of

The full returns on the ballot of all public-service employees are due to be released today but the post-office section's response shows that the result is a foregone conclusion. The public has been warned not to post letters because they are unlikely to be collected. The prospect now is for unemptied dustbins, unrepaired motorways, untended kindergartens and unmanned savings banks.

The stage is set for a con-flict which would have seemed impossible a couple of years ago, with traditionally moderate unions and management using the kind of militant language that Britain used to specialise in. As militancy rises at the pace of inflation, the government's hopes of seeing this year's wage settlements average no more than 5 per cent seem

increasingly remote. The difference between the current offer of 4.8 per cent to

tration award of 5.4 per cent is worth only around 20 marks (£7) a month to each worker. However, during weeks of increasingly acrimonious argument in the official cooling-off period, there was no sign that either side was

ready to compromise. Unions in the key engineering and building sectors have served warning that they too are ready to take industrial action in support of more pay. An offer yesterday worth just 3.3 per cent in response to engineering workers' claims for more than 9 per cent was dismissed as "socially provoc-ative" by Franz Steinkühler, their union leader. He threatened warning strikes from next Tuesday when the for-mal cooling-off period is over.

At the start of the building sector negotiations yesterday employers offered 3.4 per cent against union claims for 9.8 per cent and extra holidays. The workers' leaders described the offer as ludicrous. Trying to encourage fellow citizens to tighten belts. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. returns from his annual slimhas promised to take a voluntary 5 per cent cut in his 348,317 marks (£120,000) salary. He is asking his cabinet ministers, who each earn 298,651 marks, to make a similar sacrifice. To workers earning on average 38,400 marks (£13,150) a year, and with inflation climbing to-

wards 5 per cent, such a cut seems an empty gesture.

The chancellor, aware that the International Monetary Fund is blaming his country for undermining world economic recovery by maintaining high interest rates, seems equally determined to dig in. His Christian Democrat-led mment is at one with Social Democrat-led local authorities in resisting the union demands. The only way to satisfy them would be to increase revenue or borrowing and the chancellor has promised that he will not raise taxes. He made - and broke - a similar promise 18 months ago, and that has contributed to his party's loss

The independent Bundesbank, which controls interest rates, is also twisting Herr Kohl's arm. If he surrenders to the public-service union the bank is prepared to push rates even higher.

of three state elections since.

Bouncing back, page 18



Private enterprise: George Lancelin of France beside the Soviet space capsule he bought at a Paris auction yesterday for 1 million francs (about £100,000)

Andreotti quits as Speakers elected

GIULIO Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, resigned yesterday after both houses of the country's fragmented new parliament at last elected Speakers.

His decision to quit came in the wake of the severe setback suffered by his coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals in the general election on April 5 and 6. He will remain in office as a caretaker for the time being.

After five inconclusive votes the Chamber of Deputies chose Oscar Luigi Scalfaro. 73, a Christian Democrat, as Speaker. The Senate re-elect-ed Giovanni Spadolini.

The Christian Democrats ensured Signor Scalfaro's election by enlisting the support of deputies from the Greens, the new Sicilian anti-Mafia party, Rete (network), and the Radical party. Commentators said it was likely these groups would be approached to join a widened version of the outgoing

Signor Scalfaro's election enraged President Cossiga. who threatened to resign today over what he saw as a personal insult by the Chris-

tian Democrats. He and Signor Scalfaro are arch rivals. However, Signor Cossiga has repeatedly threatened to resign in recent weeks and there was speculation that he might be persuaded to remain in office to begin formal talks with party leaders to find a new prime ministerdesignate able to put together a new government to introduce much needed political, institutional and economic

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Planes inadequate: As officials in Rome nervously watch the impact on Libya of United Nations sanctions. the commander of the Italian Air Force has said that his men would be incapable of responding effectively to a Libyan attack because their fighters are superarinuated and lack anti-aircraft support (John Phillips writes).

"At this moment we do not have air defence," General Stelio Nardini, the air force chief of staff, said during a speech at a missile testing base in Perdasdefogu. Sardinia, yesterday. He urged parliament quickly to endorse a modernisation plan drawn up by the outgoing govern-

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Austria seeks a new image of acceptability

With the embarrassing Waldheim era drawing to a close, the race is on for the hot seat in the Hofburg, Anne McElvoy writes from Vienna

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With his departure the country will embark on a new era of international acceptability. Ouite what it wants to do now that it is again acceptable at the bar of world opinon, it has yet to decide. The country, once memorably described as an "apotheosis of unreality" and devoted to keeping out of the distateful business of world affairs, faces pressing decisions about the future of its neutral status, membership of the Europe an Community and the future shape of its internal politics, whose cosy consensus is threatened by what appears to be an irresistible rise of the extreme

right.
The politician expected



Waldheim: presidency ends tomorrow

Social Democrat and former transport minister, who is cast firmly in the required mould of respectable stodginess. The con-servative People's party is fielding Thomas Klestil, a former ambassador to America, who has campaigned on securing "Austria's deserved place in the world". The far-right Freedom party and the Greens make up the field. With no one expected to achieve an absolute majority, a run-off between Herr Streicher and Herr Klestil is expected next month.

Few will mourn President Waldheim. It was, despite all the shows of loyalty which the global attacks on him produced, a shade embarrassing even for the inward-looking Austrians to be represented by a man spurned by so many countries that he had to boast about being received in Iran and Liechtenstein. He never escaped the shadow of allegations during his 1986 election campaign that he had sent civilians and prisoners of war to their deaths while serving as an intelligence officer in the Nazi Wehrmacht.

After a thorough investi-gation into his past by the specially-appointed historians' commission, no proof was produced that he had been personally responsi-ble for the prisoners' deaths. But there was ample evidence that he had sought to conceal - and even lied about — his past as he climbed through the ranks of the United Nations to the position of secretary-general before thrusting for the job of president at home. The Waldheim scandal

exposed an unpleasant side of the country: its anti-semitic undertones and tendency to indulge in collective amnesia. The most regrettable aspect of the affair was that it resulted not in a more exacting examination of the past, but in its citizens closing ranks resentfully against the rest of the world.

The Third Reich continues to sit like an undigested lump in the body politic of Austria. An agreement be-tween the four candidates for the presidency to pursue a quiet campaign was shattered when Herr Jörg Haider, the leader of the far-right Freedom party, accused Robert Jungk, the elderly Jewish Green party candidate, of having written a pamphlet praising Hitler's racial policies during his Swiss exile.

The smear was based on La quote taken out of context, a tactic calculated to hit back at the critics of Herr Haider's party who criticise the nods that the Freedom party frequently makes in the direction of neo-Nazi voters. The party's candidate for the Hofburg is Heide Schmidt, a steely-eyed, attractive lawyer, who represents the civilised wing of the party. She is not expected to get more than 15 per cent of the vote tomorrow, having incurred the wrath of Herr Haider for complaining at the use of racist phrases by one of his staff.

However, her candidacy serves to keep the Freedom party in the forefront of Austrian politics and helps Herr Haider to continue driving a wedge between the parties of the grand coalition, which he intends to



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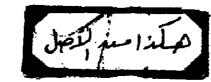
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March exposes frailty of Walesa's power

AS 70,000 workers marched on President Walesa's palace in Warsaw yesterday, an organiser stood up and through a megaphone read an open letter from the Polish leader. It expressed understanding, urged patience for market reform and appealed to com-mon Solidarity roots. The letter was signed not only by the president, but also by Miccyslaw Wachowski, his former chauffeur and eminence grise.

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When Mr Wachowski's name was read out the crowd howled with disdain. Mr Wachowski, 42, a taxi driver who once worked illegally as a mechanic in London, is regarded as a secret vice-president whose presence shows the frailty of Mr Walesa's power.

The march was in protest against the budget cuts of Jan Olszewski, the prime minister. The protesters whistled and jeered at him and shouted: "Next time it will be a general strike." The effect of the demonstration, though, was to show that neither the president nor the prime minister has control of the crowd.

A similar problem of control confronts President Havel of Czechoslovakia. His

Economic reforms in Warsaw and Prague are being hampered by their presidents' lack of clout, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, writes

advisers are also mocked, and the Slovaks in particular believe that Karl von Schwarzenberg, the Bohemian aristocrat, holds too much sway. Mr Havel has been persistently rebuffed by parliament in his attempts to broaden his constitutional authority. He can only call a general election if the budget is rejected by parliament, he cannot declare a state of emergency and would be reduced to the role of spectator if the Slovaks

were to divorce the Czechs. Sensing that the June parliamentary elections could produce a chaotic mix of parties, Mr Havel has signalled his intention to stand again as president to stay on as a symbol of a united federation. Mr Walesa has still not come to terms with the limits of his power. He has more constitutional clout than Mr

Havel. He can declare mar-

tial law, nominate the prime

minister and, technically at

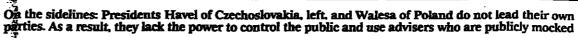
least, guide both foreign and defence policy. But without a political party of his own, he? like Mr Havel, is largely con-fined to the sidelines. Through his trusted adviser.

Mr Wachowski, the president has been trying to expand his power. It was Mr Wachowski who started to talk quietly to Polish generals, prompting public accusations that the president was preparing the ground for a benign coup.

If the present government were to stumble, one option; would be a cabinet steered by Mr Walesa. To make this work he needs the support of the people. Mr Havel, too, has tried to appeal above the heads of parliament directly to the citizens for a populist mandate. He failed. Judging by opinion polls and by the mood of the crowd yesterday; Mr Walesa can no longer reckon on posing as a revolu-

tionary tribune. The full venom of the polit-





ical glass has now been turned on Mr Walesa and Mr Wachowski. Arkadiusz Rybički, who is a former head of staff in the presidential palace; was quoted as saying this week: "Since he could hardly cope with the difficulties. Walesa retired into his

shell, adopted a wait-and-see attitude and surrounded himself with admirers. He has isolated himself from true advisers because they had been urging him to make an effort he was unable to make."

Jaroslaw Kaczynski, another former intimate of the president, said: "In matters of crucial importance to the state. Wachowski exerts an extremely negative influence

on Walesa ... if I were to deduce Wachowski's goals from his conduct I would say they are to petrify the communist system of influence within the state authorities and block a policy which brings us closer to the West."

On reading these and other comments in the newspapers this week, Mr Walesa said only that he was glad to have shed such small-minded

Reshuffle

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FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Russian government, which came under fire at this

month's Congress of People's Deputies for its "shock thera-

stantial relaxation of mone-

tary policy.

In a further retreat, the

planned liberalisation of energy prices has been replaced

by new, albeit much higher,

ceiling prices for oil and gas, to be enforced by a system of

punitive taxation. A senior

government official admitted

that the about-turn on monetary policy could affect the timing of Western financial

economic reforms, has py economic reforms, has put off expected personnel changes, but conceded a sub-

UN rules out peace force for Bosnia

By Tim Judah in sarajevo and **OUR FOREIGN STAFF**

AFTER a night of violence in Bosnia, the United Nations ruled out sending a peacekeeping force to the strifetorn republic. The UN sec-retary-general. Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, said such a

move was not feasible. His comments came as the Yugoslav army announced that Croatian forces had overrun and looted two arms factories in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It also said that it had been forced to evacuate a besieged barracks in the south of the

Earlier, the guns had fallen silent across Bosnia as a European Community-brokered ceasefire began to take hold. The Yugoslav army, cited by the Belgrade news agency Tanjug, said that one factory making artillery pieces and mortars in the central town of Travnik had been taken by Croats on Tuesday. It said that the second, in Konjic in the south-west, made muni-

The army accused extremist Croat paramilitaries infil-trated from Croatia of being behind the capture of the factories and of forcing the evacuation of 170 soldiers and civilians from the mainly Croat populated town of Capljina. While some Croats fighting in Bosnia have crossed what is now an internationally-recognised frontier, the majority are Bosnian Croats.

In central Sarajevo yester day throngs of people filled the streets enjoying the second day of calm in the city. But Muslim villagers from Gornji Kotoracs just outside Sarajevo were escorted by United Nations peacekeeping troops into the centre of town. They claimed that their village had been bombarded overnight by the Yugoslav

'We were completely unprepared," said one woman who had fled with her daugh ter aged six. "We had just been enjoying the quiet, then it all began."

Gornji Kotoraes lies just

help for Russia. Yesterday's meeting of the Russian government was the first since the congress tried to slow down the economic reforms, and had been expected to produce several new ministers, as well as "adjustments" in policy. In the event, President Yeltsin failed to attend the meeting, delegating the chairmanship to Yegor

prime minister, and it dealt only with policy. Mr Yeltsin's absence was seen more as an expression of confidence in Mr Gaidar than as evidence of indisposition. It also allowed the delicate matter of personnel

Gaidar, the first, deputy

changes to be postponed. • Kiev: Yuri Shcherbak, Ukraine's environment minister, yesterday marked the sixth anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear accident with a plea for Western help. He insisted that his country could not cope single-handed with the numerous problems it has inherited from the world's worst nuclear disaster. (Reuter)

THE Golden Profession, as

spying for the Soviet moth-erland used to be called,

has little to distinguish it

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Soviet Mata Hari

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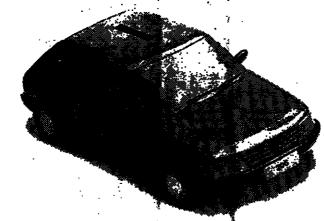
FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW



outside Ilidza, a town on the western outskirts of Sarajevo. Fierce overnight fighting around Ilidza, in breach of Thursday's ceasefire agreement, gave rise to reports that Sarajevo itself was being subjected to an intense bombardment. In fact fighting was contained in Ilidza and near Sarajevo airport.

Staying in Sarajevo itself, though, was Bernard Kouchner, France's intrepid minister of health and humanitarian action and founder of Médecins Sans Frontières. On Thursday M Kouchner brought a military cargo plane full of much-needed medical supplies. food and milk to Sarajevo.

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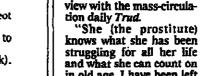
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whose account of life in the Soviet expatriate community in Paris sounds anything but glamorous. It appears that she and her fellow Mata Haris were not specifically instructed

to recruit informers by means of seduction, but merely given so little mon-ey that there was little choice but to use one's sexual charms. On one assignment, which ended with

the successful seduction of an aviation industry boss whose sexual tastes were known to be unusual, she was given only 700 French francs (£70) for working

"Even the least greedy of Frenchmen would need more than 7,000 francs to be 'turned' ... unless of course you find some other levers, like blackmail and bed." she said. In addition, she became involved in the bizarre games of sexual blackmail and mutual denunciation that went on within the Soviet commu-nity of diplomats, journalists and trade officials.

"A friend of mine from the ministry of shipping had three lovers and she used to inform on them all. wasn't averse to such things either, I knew it was necessary," she recalls.

But such was the atmosphere of mutual suspicion that one never knew when secrets confided to a close girlfriend would lead to one's recall to Moscow in disgrace. Nadezhda's career in Paris ended when her husband was caught receiving documents from an agent she had recruited and they were expelled.

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Gaddafi 'spurned Egyptian and Saudi calls to stand down'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AS LIBYA becomes daily more isolated after the imposition of sanctions and the expulsion of foreign journalists, diplomats in Tripoli yes-terday reported further dissent in Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's administration.

A European envoy said the Libyan leader had been angered by recent suggestions from Egypt and Saudi Arabia that he might defuse the Lockerbie confrontation by agreeing to stand down and hand power to some of his exiled opponents. The diplomat said that the Saudis and the Egyptians, both close allies of America, had offered Colonel Gaddafi asylum and a guarantee that he would not be liable for extradition should the two Pan Am bombing suspects be found guilty at any trial.

"Gaddafi was very angry at what was being suggested to him by two fellow Arab countries," the envoy said. "My personal evaluation is that he will never give up willingly. If you are a prophet . . . you are willing to die for your cause:"

The envoy repeated his claim about the attempts to persuade Colonel Gaddafi to stand down in two interviews.

Scheme

Earlier, the Egyptian media had reported that Libya failed to follow Egyptian advice "to look for a new method of ruling to restore the credibility of the Libyan regime".

The Tripoli-based diplomat said that public discontent in the capital with the administration's handling of the issue was more open and more widely felt than during any previous showdown with the West. "In the last two years. the Libyans have been enjoy-ing their own economic perestroika and they are not happy at the prospect of losing these freedoms," an Egyptian businessman who deals with Libva said. "There are many who do not feel the cause of these two individuals is worth sacrificing everything for."

Divisions within the regime have emerged between Colo-nel Gaddafi and a harder-line faction led by Major Abdel-Salam Jalloud, the leader of the Revolutionary Committee and head of the powerful tribe to which one of the two Lockerbie suspects, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, belongs. According to diplomatic reports, Major Jalloud has blocked a voluntary surren-

der by the two wanted men.

This had been seen by Arab League officials as the most likely formula for a negotiated solution.

"Jalloud is determined to play this as a confrontation with Western imperialism and with the Christian and Jewish enemy. Gaddafi is sometimes against him, and sometimes swayed by him." one Arab official said. "That is why there is such an ele-ment of schizophrenia in Libya's responses. ● Moscow: Russia yesterday

announced a diplomatic "charm offensive" aimed at the pro-Western nations of the Middle East, as it reluc-tantly started implementing sanctions against Libya, (Bruce Clark writes). There now seems little hope of Russia receiving the \$500 million (£283 million) in annual debt repayments that Libya had

agreed for the next five years. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, is to visit Israel and Egypt with businessmen and agricultural specialists. Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, is to go to Saudi Arabia and five neighbouring states for talks on "collective

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Kabul's political prisoners set free

Christopher Thomas sees the gate swing open at Afghanistan's once-notorious Pulechacki jail

MUJAHIDIN fighters arrived at Pulechacki jail, 15 miles from Kabul, a few days ago in tanks and armoured personnel carriers. Since then the towering gates have swung open once a day to let hundreds of political prisoners go free. This is proof of who runs Afgharistan now.
The prisoners are thin,

ragged but smiling. Pule-chacki has for years been acknowledged as one of the most notorious prisons in the world, where opponents of successive regimes have been imprisoned and frequently tortured. Muham-mad Najibullah, the deposed president, incarcerated hundreds of men. Four were kept in each tiny cell and until the International Committee of the Red Cross began prison visits in 1987, inmates were not even allowed out for exercise.

Decrees have been issued for the release of all political prisoners in the jail, except those accused of murder and terrorism. About 1,200 have been freed so far. Criminals have rioted in anger and frustration watching other inmates walk out to be greeted by relatives in tearful reunions.

The main outer walls are half a mile long and contain thousands of prisoners. No-body was freed yesterday because it was Friday, but a woman called Bibi waited anyway in case her teenage son, Azimullah, was let out. She said she was not sure why he had been jailed five months ago, leaving her destitute because her husband and other two sons had died in the war. She is 42 but looks 60. She said: "I will wait here until he comes out. He is all I have."

Throughout Afghanistan the jails have been emptied of political prisoners. The eastern city of Jalalahad fell

NEXT week marks the beginning of Golden Week, the

one chance in the year for Japan's overstretched

salarymen, or white-collar workers, to take advantage of

a series of four national holi-

days without risking demo-tion at the hands of a

But every year — because some 60 million salarymen

and their families jump at

the chance of a guilt-free, six-

day break — the nation un-failingly grinds to a halt with

hopeless traffic jams up to 50 miles long, overburdened

trains and bursting holiday

Despite a popular new film called Jutai (Traffic Jam), which reminds the Japanese

of the folly of driving any-where during Golden Week,

millions are expected to take

to the road. Jutai follows the

hapless Fujimura family

censorious boss.



Prayer meeting: Muslims worshipping yesterday in the main square of Kabul for the first time since the collapse of President Najibullah's administration

coalition yesterday. Kabul is the only government town

not yet captured. Muhammad Ali, one of several Mujahidin waiting outside Pulechacki, said there was no need to break in to free his comrades. "Kabul is in our hands already. We are waiting for orders to move into the city. As soon as we are properly in con-trol, the jail will be opened. That will probably happen

in three or four days." Mr Ali had a two-way radio which kept him in touch with his Jamyat-i

crawling through appalling tailbacks, collapsing ex-

hausted in overpriced motor-

accessfully to calm their

way motels and attempting

squabbling children.
Ten minutes after leaving their Tokyo home, they run into their first piece of bad

news: a highway sign which reads "Stop and go traffic — next 100 km." Things go

from bad to disastrous and the family ends up spending its six-day holiday snarled in

The film is horrifyingly

true to life. My first and thankfully last experience in

a serious Japanese jam

lasted 11 hours, during

city. "We have men in Kabul but they are not allowed to do anything. They are there in case we have to take the city in a hurry."

A few miles from Pulechacki, an army checkpoint collects guns from rebels heading for Kabul. Mujahidin commanders are there to ensure that their men disarm. This determination to prevent trouble in the capital is clear.

Mr Ali, leaning on his AK-47, said he wanted to buy clothes and look at the shops. He may be disappointed: the city that in the

which we covered less than

150 miles. I saw teenagers

wander off on solitary walks

up and down the lines of

traffic, clearly fighting the urge to abandon their fam-

ilies and hop on the nearest

train home. I overheard fran-

tic fathers, unaccustomed to

family holidays cooped up in

the car and needled by over-

tired children, conferring

with their motorway neigh-

bours, wishing they were all safely back in the office. For them the family atmo-sphere was poisoned by a

resentful gloom. But for others the traffic jam appeared to be part of the fun, involving impromptu picnic par-

Japanese jams tarnish Golden Week

Heedless of clogged roads, millions are

expected to embark on a national holiday

trip, Joanna Pitman writes from Tokyo

life is smashed. The 1972 edition of A Historical Guide to Kabul declares a new phenomenon has been "the opening of many small restaurants and clubs which offer music and dancing". Mr Ali will find nothing of the sort when he enters Kabul for the first time. But after 10 years in the mountains he says: "Anything is better than what I have seen. I want to live in peace. Perhaps I will find a job and settle down.'

1970s had a thriving night-

Council agreed, page 1

organised by patient fathers.

now so familiar to Japanese

travellers that they have

come to represent the tradi-tion of Golden Week. Last year, 69 million visited festi-

vals, 17 million filing at a

snail's pace through the cherry blossom festival in the

northern town of Hirosaki and 12 million craning their

necks to get a peek at the Hiroshima flower festival.

Those hoping to find peace and quiet by climbing Mount

Takao discovered that 8,000

others had had the same idea and were encamped all over

the summit, clicking camera

shutters and chattering like

vast flocks of starlings. This

year, the Japan Travel Bu-reau has estimated that

744,000 will climb moun-

tains and 19 million will

make train journeys.

The crowds and queues are

Rangoon purges moderates

Dhaka: The hardliners in Burma's ruling military junta have strengthened their grip on the country and are purging moderates led by General Saw Maung who resigned as de facto head of state reportedly on health grounds. (Ahmed Fazi writes).

General Saw Maung, 63. who had been head of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the formal name of the ruling junta, was replaced by his deputy. General Than Shwe, 59 Rangoon radio said General Saw Maung's health had been failing and he was unable to cope with "heavy responsibil-

Diplomatic sources said General Tan Shwe will be a figurehead with real power wielded by Major General Khin Nyunt, the intelligence

Briton hanged

Bangkok: Stephen Harris. 33. from Nottingham, a Brit-on jailed for 25 years for heroin trafficking, has been found hanged in his cell at a Bangkok prison, a Thai prison official said. Prison officials believe he committed suicide but ordered an investigation. (Reuter)

War costed

Abu Dhabi: The Gulf war caused losses of up to \$800 billion (£450 billion) for Arab countries through destruction in Kuwait and Iraq, oil economies, said Osama al-Faqih, the chairman of the Arab Monetary Fund. (AFP)

Village raided

Dek Bridge, Cambodia: Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked a government-held vil-lage 25 miles north of Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital. It was the first attack in the area since a peace accord was signed in October to end 13 years of civil war. (Reuter)

Dealers fought

Havana: Cuba and Venezuela have set up a joint commission to co-ordinate efforts to combat international drug trafficking. Communist Cuba lies across routes used by international traffickers to smuggle drugs from Latin America to the United States. (Reuter)

Enquiry sought

Delhi: India's ruling Congress (I) party is calling for the government to set up a commission to investigate alleged human rights violations in the country. "Human rights has climbed to the top of the international agenda," a party official said. (Reuter)

Heavy penalty

Delhi: Police charged an elephant named Champa with manslaughter and bound her in chains after she trampled to death a drunken man who was said to have tormented her with needles. Her two owners were also arrested. (AFP)

Age brushoff

Peking: Chinese consumers are being urged to brush away the ills of old age with a new toothpaste containing for short. (Reuter)

US court rejects

Indiana's supreme court has unanimously refused to release Mike Tyson on bail pending his appeal against a rape conviction, making it likely that he will remain in jail for at least the next six months. Alan Dershowitz, representing Tyson, wanted the court to free the former world heavyweight boxing champion while his conviction is under appeal. He told the court Tyson was willing to remain under house arrest at his mansion in Ohio. Tyson was sentenced to six years in jail on March 26 for raping a contestant in a beauty pageant. The judge who sentenced him sent him directly to jail, saying that if he were granted bail he might rape again or flee the country.

Two Italian scientists studying octopuses have found that going to school or having a backbone are not essential to be able to learn. After one octopus was trained to pick a certain colour ball, his "students" learned to do the same by watching him. The scientists, Graziano Fiorito and Pictro Scotto, were interested

in octopuses because they

held in Rio de Janeiro.

credit for starting the mile in 1986, carried their oars.

bail for Tyson

Brazil has granted a visa to the Dalai Lama, the spiritual and political figure many Tibetans consider a living god. The government said the No-bel Peace Prize winner would visit Brazil from June 4 to 8. He will participate in the UNsponsored Earth Summit environmental conference to be

More than 200 University of Michigan students celebrated the last day of classes by jogging a mile in the nude. Most of those running in the seventh-annual nude mile shortly after midnight were campus athletes. One man completed the course on crutches. "This is a good study break," said law student Karen Libertiny, 23. "I have a choice of looking at these men or corporate tax." Runners wore lacrosse helmets, swimming caps, cowboy hats, viking homs and ski masks. Members of the Michigan crew, who claim

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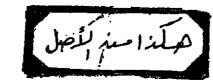
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Separatists rally over Quebec poll

FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

SEVEN fateful words uttered by Robert Bourassa, the premier of Quebec province, may have tipped the scales against Quebec's separation from Canada. At the same time, they have provoked cries of betrayal from Quebec separatists, and goaded them into a new effort to rally the forces struggling for independence.

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Mr Bourassa's Liberal government is obliged by law to hold a referendum on sovereignty for the French-speaking province no later than October 26. The law was passed by the legislature in Quebec city in angry response to the collapse of a federal-provincial constitutional accord, favoured in Quebec, two years ago.

However, in a recent interview with the French newspaper Le Monde, Mr Bourassa said that he was awaiting proposals from the federal government on ways to renew Canadian federalism, and added: "The referendum will be on these offers." His Liberal majority government was prepared to amend the existing statute to reflect the change in plan.

Mr Bourassa's surprise declaration was warmly welcomed in most of English-speaking Canada and was applauded by the federal government in Ottawa. However, in Quebec it dropped like a bombehell

bombshell.

"We now know that his choice is Canada," Jacques Brassard, constitutional affairs spokesman for the Parti Québècois, the official opposition party, commented. The party is a strong advocate of Quebec independence. There were even rumblings within the Liberal party itself, with some prominent members saying Mr Bourassa would risk splitting the party if he did not adhere to the original

referendum plan.

The separatist movement erupted in bitterness and outrage. A pro-independence umbrella group, the Mouve-

ment Québec, announced that 250,000 people in Quebec had signed a petition demanding a vote on independence, and forecast that a million will have signed by the middle of June.

The leader of one of the umbrella group's member organisations predicted a "long, hot, fantastic summer", with separatists taking to the streets of Montreal to demand that Mr Bourassa respect the present referendum statute.

The storm in Quebec was a measure of the gamble Mr Bourassa, a wily politician famous for his ability to play the waiting game and avoid making rash decisions, was taking in showing his hand before seeing what the federal government plans to offer Quebec.

Opinion surveys since the collapse two years ago of the Meech Lake accord, aimed at ending Quebec's long constitutional estrangement from the rest of Canada, have repeatedly shown most people in Quebec favour sovereignty. More recent polls, however, have indicated a slippage in support for the separatists' cause.

Intense behind-the-scenes negotiations have been going on among the federal government and the English-speaking provinces, aimed at forging an agreement acceptable to all the provinces, Quebec included, as well as to Canada's million or so aboriginal people. Ottawa is expected to unveil its resulting plan of constitutional renewal in late May.

In his interview with Le

Monde. Mr Bourassa emphasised that any settlement would have to incorporate the substance of the Meech Lake accord, which among other things recognised Quebec as a "distinct society" within the country. He also underlined the need for a new alignment of federal and provincial pow-



Pooling resources: a Filipino fisherman sharing a refreshing dawn dip with his pet pig in the sea near the village of Panagsama, on the central Philippines island of Cebu, before the heat of the day builds up

Barry welcomed home as saviour

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

ONE newspaper columnist called it "a modern-day illustration of the biblical prodigal son". Another wrote that "the only thing missing was the red carpet". Washington woke up yesterday morning to the prospect of Marion Barry, its disgraced former mayor, running for office again.

Soon after his release on Thursday from a federal jail in Pennsylvania, where he had completed a six-month term for cocaine possession Mr Barry was being greeted as a political saviour.

Few among the crowd of 300 supporters who travelled to celebrate Mr Barry's release at a hotel near Loretto prison discussed in detail his political prospects. "This is about L-O-V-E," said the Rev Willie Wilson. "We just didn't want him coming back into the world alone," said another supporter.

The congregation at the Union Temple Baptist church in the rundown Anacostia district of Washington, where Mr Barry went briefly on Thursday night, were also not urging him openly to run for city office again. In a near-revival atmosphere, all they

could do was echo the black spiritual quoted frequently by Martin Luther King: "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty we are free at last". But few doubt that the mayorfor-life, as he is nicknamed, will become a force again in Washington politics.

As one columnist on The Washington Times put it:
"No fatted calf was slaughtered by supporters at his homecoming, but some of them hope to serve up an incumbent council member as a symbolic substitute."

Mr Barry, the son of a cleaning woman who worked his way up to almost gaining a Ph D in chemistry, strikes a particularly strong resonance with the black underclass. "He is within the people on the so-called Caravan of Love who went to greet the former mayor in Pennsylvania.

Several civic leaders criticised the welcome-home celebrations for Mr Barry as inappropriate for a man convicted of smoking cocaine. "This city needs to be healed, not be torn assunder again." said his successor, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly.

Rushdie fatwa remains

London: Talks between British and Iranian officials about the fatwa on the author Salman Rushdie failed to make any progress yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes).

Douglas Hogg, Foreign Office minister, spent an hour with Hamid Asefi, director-general for west European affairs at the Iranian ioreign ministry, discussing a number of matters including the dispute between the former Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Mr Asefi, who is on an official visit to London, said afterwards that Iran's position on the death sentence imposed by Ayatollah Khomeini on Rushdie after the publication of The Satanic Verses remained unaltered. "The answer to it has not changed," he said.

Prizes raised

Stockholm: The Nobel Foundation, which manages money used for the Nobel prizes, said each 1992 award's value had been raised to \$1.08 million (£614.000) to compensate for inflation. (Reuter)

Gang escapes

Hong Kong: At least 12 people were injured in a gun battle in Kowloon between police and jewel thieves who threw hand grenades and hijacked a minibus to escape. (AFP)

Victim buried

Madrid: Juan Manuel Helices, 33, a plainclothes policeman who was the 19th victim of terrorist violence in Spain this year. has been buried amid allegations of incompetence against senior officers.

Tarnished gold

Stockholm: Sweden offered to pay Estonia and Lithuania \$45.8 million (£26 million) out of planned aid as compensation for gold Swedish authorities handed over to Moscow in 1940. (Reuter)

Jailers tricked

Nairobi: A jailed Kenyan man tricked the authorities into believing that he was a woman and was exposed only when female prisoners began to complain about his amorous advances. (Reuter)



Presley: well-scrubbed rockabilly image wins

'Prince' Elvis triumphs

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AT LEAST one American election achieved a high turnout this year in spite of the so-called "character issue": the US Postal Service says more than a milion people voted in the three-week postal ballot to choose which of two pictures of Elvis Presley will appear on new stamps.

The result of the poll, which closed vesterday, will define the mood of America just as fully as this autumn's presidential election. Voters were asked to choose between a handsome young star and a bloated older man.

Preliminary indications are that the young, rockabilly Elvis of the 1950s has won by as much as 4-1 over the rather tragic picture of the crooner just before his death at 42. The support for the younger Elvis has been so strong that about the only category of citizen to favour the paunchy older version seems to be Elvis impersonators, most of them getting to look rather that way

themselves.
A typical editorial, headlined "The Elvis Stamp:
Vote for the Young Guy",
said people should "put
that well-scrubbed innocence on the stamp, not
his sad later years".
John Berkey, who paint-

ed the portrait of the older Elvis, found it necessary to go public to counter criticism of his work. "I understand what happened, the negative feelings. But I painted the King. That other guy is the prince," he



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A marriage of true minds has little to do with law

old though the Mothers' Union is in even proposing the decriminalisation of prostiution, the suggestion that "living together before marriage" might not be sinful is the more radical idea. Both convulsions in traditional sexual morality occurred in the same edition of the Mothers' Union magazine Home and Family, published this week.

How society handles prostitution is essentially a political and legal matter. Nobody pretends that resorting to prostitutes is a matter of high moral principle. But coming to terms with couples who live together without formal benefit of matrimony means coming to terms with a change in morality. This is not necessarily the straight contradiction of past moral conventions that the phrase "living in sin" implies. The Home and Family article, by Mrs Rachel Nugee, may represent a subtle shift from a legal to a psychological, even intuitional, notion of what

Mrs Nugee, who was once a member of a committee on marriage set up by the General Synod of the Church of England, observed the recent marriage of a young couple she knew, who had not only lived together for six years but had twice separated and reunited in that time. The woman said that the absence of formal legal ties had made it easier to resolve of their differences and be reconciled after separation. This had to do with the absence of the outside pressure which marriage seems to bring. Having finally held a wedding ceremony, however, she said she felt she had been married to her husband "for years".

he church report to which Mrs Nugee contributed concluded that marriage is a "distinctively human but not specifically Christian" institution, meaning it is part of the natural created order to which one is admitted by common humanity, rather than of the sacramental order to which one is admitted by Christian baptism. There is more than a hint of the old Stoic theory of natural law behind such talk of a natural order, for it suggests that marriage has a shape which is given, rather than being so plastic that it can be remoulded at will as demands and conditions change.

Externals can change, certainly, but not the essentials, which include an intention of permanence and exclusivity — monogamy and fidelity. These are still part of the legal definition of marriage in English law, so that a contract drawn up between a man and women which explicitly denied such conditions would render a

marriage legally invalid.

But since the 18th century, the law has insisted on one further condition which forms no part of any natural order or natural law of marriage, namely that the start of the marriage should be marked by a public ceremony in which promises are formally exchanged. Without that ceremony, says the civil law, there is no legal marriage. But might it not be that the true metaphysic of marriage is an invisible reality sensed by the couple (and perhaps by those who know them well)? And if Mrs Nugee's intuition is right, might this not exist regardless of the law?

et this alternative, non-legal theory of marriage still does not quite explain everything. In the end, Mrs Nugee's couple did marry publicly and formally, and when the day came, "they were both radiant". If the legal process of marriage is no more than the acquistion of a piece of paper, why did the lack of such a document make any difference to peaceful reconciliation of differences which had come

These are not uncommon observations. Furthermore it has been observed in other connections that new strains sometimes appear when a marriage. The pressure to play certain roles and the invocation of parental models of marriage seem to disturb an earlier equilibrium worked out privately by the couple for themselves. Public legal marriage, clearly, is still sought after as the icing on the cake of a stable conjugal relationship; and yet it is not without its dangers — of raised expectations, and of self-applied pressure to conform to possibly unhealthy cultural patterns of married life.

A church, like any institution which cares for people in their families and marriages, must reach some understanding of the psychological dynamics in play before it moves to preach or judge. A church, too, can have an intuition of the reality of marriage. And if that intuition contradicts what was assumed to be an unyielding moral principle, it may be the principle that was misunderstood, not the reality.

Arnold Wolfendale, Astronomer Royal, assesses the new evidence on the universe's origins

f the physical sciences astronomy is unique in its popular appeal, and within it cosmology stands supreme. Just how did the universe start? How did galaxies form and stars, and planets and . .? No one who has looked at the sky on a dark moonless night can fail to be moved by the vastness and beauty of the heavens or not want to know more about it. Hence the excitement at this week's announcement by Dr George Smoot in Washington that the Cosmic Background Explorer Satellite has detected evidence for the birth of the universe in

matter at the universe's edge. To understand the signifi-cance of this finding, we need to know how it fits into the now conventional Big Bang theory of the origins of the universe. According to this theory, some 15,000 million years ago a "big bang" marked the energy both bang" marked the start of both space and time. After some very early mischief, which we still do not understand, the light nuclei

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formed — mainly hydrogen and helium — but it was not until some half a million years after the Big Bang that the temperature had reduced enough for the nuclei to capture electrons and form atoms. Later, these atoms clumped together to form "clouds", from which the galax-

ies grew.

The Big Bang theory received great support in 1964 with the discovery by Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson at the Bell Telephone Laboratories of the so-called cosmic microwave background" - radiation at a temperature of nearly three degrees Kelvin, and the birth of observational cosmology stems from that time.

This low-temperature radiation glow — the embers of the Big Bang — should have within it the imprints of tiny enhance-ments of radiation showing the

imprints that our colleagues in America claim to have found. Many theoretical cosmologists confidently predicted they were present, but it must be admitted that some had almost begun to despair because of the difficulty of seeing them (their magnitude corresponding only to about one part in one hundred thousand).

in distinguishing the observed signals — previously detected mainly by radio telescopes — from effects due to cosmic ray electrons wandering about in our own galaxy. My own research group showed that some previous hints could be explained in this way, and the effects went away when new observations were made.

The main difficulty has been

claimed detection is on the edge of their limit of detectability. The virtue of the latest results

who worked with me on the dust problem and is now a member where the "cosmic ray foreof the Cosmic Background ground" can be guaranteed to be small. Nevertheless, there are Explorer team, I am rather happier. He tells me that the other hazards which have to be results pass all the tests. Nevertaken into account, most notatheless, great care is still needed. bly the effect of dust in the space and it is a pity that there has between the stars. This dust is warmed by starlight and can been such a great flurry of mimic the sought-for effects if publicity about the results before one is not careful. My first the scientific community has inclination was to be very scepti-cal about the results, having had the chance to go through them thoroughly. This will cerbeen brought up on the Russian tainly need to be done. cosmologist Lev Landau's dic-

What should our reaction be turn "cosmology is often wrong, to the discovery if, as seems likely, it is correct? A sense of perspective is necessary. The Big Bang theory was so well devel-Dr Smoot's comment about the oped in other ways that it would have been more exciting, in one respect, if the small signals had not been present. We should presence of "ripples" of wispy regard the observations as pro-

cosmic jigsaw which is allowing us to evolve "a theory of every-thing" (everything, that is, in the material world — I see nothing to militate against the existence of God in any of the work that has been done: the

reverse, perhaps). Among astronomers, the hunt will quicken for the dark matter which seems to account for some 95 per cent of the mass of the universe. I would regard the identification of whatever "particles" are responsible for this missing mass as just as important as this week's findings -

perhaps even more so. A related, and fascinating. question concerns the fate of the universe. Will it expand forever, or eventually return to a Big Crunch", from which perhaps another universe would grow, and so on? The simplest Cold Dark Matter model, which the present work supports, suggests that the universe is so finely tuned that it will come back, but only after an infinite time. Cosmology will not cease

Reputation's flighty bubble

but never in doubt".

Dust really is a menace, and

clouds worried me mightily, not

to mention the fact that the

John Grigg on the changes in popular taste which consign famous writers to obscurity

t the end of this month issuing the complete fiction of Angus Wilson, whose books they stopped publishing in his later years, presumably because he had gone out of fashion. Clearly a determined effort is now being made to revive interest in his work, and with the benefit of a TV tie-in (a dramatisation of Anglo-Saxon Attitudes is to be shown next month) the relaunch has a good chance of success, at any rate in the short term.

The fate of some literary reputations, great in their day, is a perpetual memento mori to successful writers. Who, for instance, has now heard of Harrison Ainsworth, let alone read him? Yet in the middle of the last century he was one of the most famous of all English writers, rating an entry in the 1865 edition of Routledge's biographical dictionary, Men of the Time, not much shorter than Dickens's and far longer than

Ainsworth was a Mancunian, born in 1805. His genre was the historical novel, and his early work received Scott's blessing. In the last year of his life (he died in 1882), his native city gave a banquet in his honour, at which the mayor of Manchester, in proposing his health, said: "In our Manchester public free li-braries there are 250 volumes of Mr Ainsworth's different works. During the last twelve months those volumes have been read 7,660 times, mostly by the artisan class of readers. And this means that twenty volumes of his works are being perused in Manchester . . . every day all the

But his popularity was not stressing instead its social mis-







Who reads them now? Hugh Walpole (left), Mrs Humphry Ward, and Harrison Ainsworth were all phenomenally successful during their lifetimes

confined to Manchester. It was nationwide, and indeed extended to many foreign countries. He was very popular in America, and most of his books were number of them appeared in French, Spanish, Dutch and Russian. Today almost all his work is out of print. Two of his books with Lancashire themes Lancashire Witches and Manchester Rebels, or the Fatal '45 - have been reprinted by small Lancashire publishers, but his main-line titles, such as Windsor Castle and Old St Paul's, are available only in

secondhand bookshops. In the next generation a comparable phenomenon, in scale of readership if not size of output, was Mrs Humphry Ward. A niece of Matthew Arnold, she took the world by storm with Robert Elsmere (1888), in which she challenged the miraculous element in Christianity,

sion. The book had such a disturbing effect on the aged Gladstone that he devoted a petent judges as her best book 10,000-word review to it in The Nineteenth Century. Nothing could have been better for guin, but is now out of print.

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Yet there is always something sales, and the author's reputation was made.

Over the next ten years she wrote several more novels, and her earnings by the turn of the century were the equivalent of about £24 million in today's money. At this time, according to her admirable recent biographer, John Sutherland, she was "probably the highest-paid woman in England". Unlike Ainsworth, she saw her

reputation as an author decline during her lifetime. Her later novels were less successful, al-though *Harvest*, published after her death in 1920, is described by Sutherland as "extraordinarily interesting".

It is not, however, in print; nor are any of her other works, except Robert Elsmere (OUP paperback). Helbeck of But since then he has suffered novels "is not at all dependent Bannisdale, regarded by com- the fate of Ainsworth and Mrs upon the analysis of motives or

uring the inter-war period, few novelists had a bigger follow-ing than Hugh Wal-pole. Born in New Zealand, he was educated in England and started writing in 1909. Soon afterwards he was taken up by Arnold Bennett and, particularly, Henry James. By the time of his death in 1941, he had produced 42 novels as well as volumes of stories and books

about other writers. He was a bestseller on both sides of the Atlantic, and also much in demand as a lecturer. He was painted by, among others, Augustus John and Sickert, and Epstein did a bronze of him. He was knighted shortly before the end of his life.

the fate of Ainsworth and Mrs upon the analysis of motives or rather strangely, because it is the last of a set of four novels, known as the Herries Saga; so if Vanessa, why not the other three? His book on Conrad is available in an American edition. For the rest,

his work is out of print and out A weakness common to Ainsworth, Ward and Walpole, which may account for their lack of staying-power, is a relative inability to create living charac-ters. Walpole said of himself: "I am far too twisted and fantastic a novelist ever to succeed in catching Trollope's marvellous normality". Mrs Humphry Ward's characters tend to be symbols rather than individuals. And the DNB entry on Ains-

worth says that the charm of his

elusive in any attempt to assess who will survive and why. Works heavily on any contemporary writer. The 1932 edition of The Oxford Companion to English Literature, edited by Sir Paul Harvey, was ultra-conservative in giving only seven lines to T.S. Eliot and in not mentioning Evelyn Waugh (though Decline and Fall had been published in 1928).

On the other hand, the latest edition of the Companion. edited by Margaret Drabble, seems to err on the side of generosity to contemporaries. Doris Lessing, for instance, is given more space than Kipling. It is safest not to try to anticipate the judgment of posterity.

...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

decayer of your whoreson dead language. A period general election exposes the latest lexis of political jargon so constantly that, with a bit of luck, the sillier cliches may become laughing-stocks, and die of shame. Most of the phrases were vivid images when they started, and have become mindless platitudes by constant repetition. It is time to sink "flagship" legislation with the poll tax, which it was used to describe. Navies these days keep in touch electronically, and the admiral's flag is a Nelsonian anachronism. "Hidden agenda" suggests espionage, as most political images try to import excitement into their dry trade from more popular sports. U-turns and taking the moral high ground were done to death in the recent linguistic scrapyard. U-turns, reversals of direction. are seldom made on motorways or even in politics. The high ground matters less than it did at Balaclava.

The most irritating and mischievous new boys to the 1992 election were the "spin-doctors": the brat pack and staffers and minders of all parties who tried to persuade the media to put a positive interpretation on their side of things, rang up newspapers and broadcasting stations to bully and cajole, and generally tried to manage the news before it reached the public. There is nothing new in this activity. It is called party politics, and you can read about it, from Aristophanes to Trol-lope. It is the function of the good journalist to get at the news, as unvarnished as possible, through the twists of the spinners of all sides. What is new is the name for the activity of trying to influence the presentation of the news. Like much of our best slang.

the image comes to us from America; and like much political inetaphor, it is taken from the sporting field, which (for some unaccountable reason) the general public finds more interesting than politics. Spin is what a pitcher at baseball puts on the ball to make it harder to hit, having exchanged coded signals about his hidden agenda with the catcher, and wound himself up with rhythmic contortions on the diamond to mesmerise the batter. A spin-doctor in spring training camp in Arizona or Florida is a coach who trains a team's young pitchers to put more swing and swerve and general elusiveness on his balls. Spin swerving balls at the pool table also influenced the phrase.
In English cricket spin-bowling is a sadly neglected art. But the work of spin-doctors is done in the nets by coaches and man-agers and senior players, to train young bowlers. Play ball, and throw someone a curve!

Press and public relations officers have been trying to influence opinion since the beginning of politics, but their activities have become more professional in the past generation. Spin control as a metaphor for an interpretation of events

that is favourable to the party of to convince reporters of their candidate's ability and popular-ity, came into the language during the presidency and elections of that corny old sports commentator, Ronnie Reagan. It is too new to have got into dictionaries, but the earliest citations are from five years ago, in inverted commas to indicate

the novelty of the figure.

Here is a defining citation from the Atlanta Journal of 1987: "In political parlance, it is called 'spin control' — a campaign's attempt to influence reporters' interpretation of a news event. In the 1988 election, it is as critical as the candidate's performance, say some political operatives. In fact, 'it's too important', said Newton Minow, a Chicago lawyer and national expert on presidential debates. 'Very often, before the public has had the chance to digest what they saw and heard, the spin control guys are out trying to affect that." And from Newsweek of December 1987: "To the average viewer of the presidential candidates debate, there were no big winners, no big losers . . . This heightened the importance of the 'spin-doctors'." Good politicians have always been capable of putting their own spin on their campaigns. The concentration of electioneering

on the mass media has made

them introduce agents to assist.

tored or spun by spin doctors.

Grace preserve us

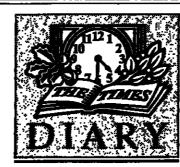
HEAVEN KNOWS what W.G. would have thought, but Lord's is about to throw open the Grace Gates to an unprecedented Euro-pean invasion. Inspired by John Major's passion for the national game, as part of the celebrations to mark its presidency of the EC in July, Britain is to play host to a European cricket competition. Ten European countries, mostly

but not exclusively from the EC. have accepted the invitation to the



in a match at Lord's on July 17 and a dinner attended by John Major. "We have teams from Austria. Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Italy, Spain and Switzerland, says Ben Brocklehurst, chairman of *The* Cricketer, which is sponsoring the tournament jointly with the MCC. After a knockout competition at Worksop College, the winning team — and Belgium is seeded number one — will take on the

MCC at Lord's. The MCC will host a dinner at the ground, where Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's EC commissioner, will address the teams and their



ambassadors and sports ministers. "We are aiming to foster interest in cricket on the continent, and what better opportunity than

Community?" says Brocklehurst. Le cricket, it seems, is becoming one of Britain's fastest-growing exports. France now has 18 clubs and Germany 28. For once Eurointegration is not such a one-way street. But there is a serious question. If cricket were to become a European game, what guarantee is there that Lord's would not be bomarded with Brussels directives demanding softer balls, bigger stumps and seven-ball overs?

Nor iron bars a cage

TERRY WAITE was last night back behind bars — in the solitary confinement of Cambridge University. The daylight in his Trinity Hall study is obscured by a large iron grille on the window, and although college beadles have no plans to tie the former Church envoy to any nearby radiator, undergraduates are already musing on the similarity to his quarters in

Waite, who was this week admitted to the college as a fellow com-moner to write Taken on Trust, his account of almost five years as a hostage in Lebanon, said yesterday he had scarcely noticed the resemblance. "I had never thought of it like that. The bars are not to keep me in. I think they are there to deter students from climbing in

 If the Financial Times is blushing pinker than usual today, put it down to the outspoken views of one of its more robust alumni. Nigel Lawson. The former chancellor took time yesterday from writing his memoirs to present the Wincott awards for financial journalism, named after another august FT columnist. But Lawson could not resist mentioning that leading article of a couple of weeks ago, when the pink un lived up to its nickname and supported the Labour party at the general election. The noise, said Lawson, was Harold Wincott spinning in his grave, either at the FT's "contempt for its readers, or at the intellectual paucity of its views".

Elegant farewell

BEFORE Chris Patten could confirm yesterday that he was taking the Hong Kong governor's post— as first tipped here on April 15— he had one duty to perform. On Thursday night, at a dinner at his elegant Victoria flat, Patten summoned together the loyal Conservative campaign team from Bath which had worked in vain to secure his re-election to say thank you and goodbye.

Patten, his wife Lavender, and two of their three daughters, Laura and Alice, hosted a party for 15 of the former MP's closest colleagues from Bath. Pride of place was given to Freda Evans, the constituency secretary, who had been with Patten since he first won the seat in 1979. Also present were Neil Stephenson (his campaign manager), Stephen Baird (who ran the narrow 1987, election victory in the seat), Angie Bray (Pat-

ten's press officer), Patrick Rock (his former special adviser, who has now gone to work for Michael

Howard) and John Gardiner (Pat-ten's private secretary). But Patten kept them guessing to the last. "You know what we all want to know," one told him. But he could not even tell his closest colleagues before yester-day's Foreign Office announce-ment. "Thank you very much everybody for everything you have done for us. Lavender and I felt we made many great friends. It was a great team and we had a good time," he told them in the course of an emotional speech. Freda Evans, proposing the toast to the party chairman, was visibly fighting back the tears. Despite Patten's reticence, they all knew that he was really trying to say

No fun, minister

DAVID MELLOR will return to his desk next week to instruct the few staff he already has in place that they are to desist from referring to him as the "minister for fun". Mellor is due to announce on Monday his first appointment: Andrea MacLean to be head of information. Her first task is to shed the department's less-thanserious image.

Although it was the job the former Treasury man wanted, and he initially enjoyed the joke, the ambitious Mellor now fears that labels such as "the department of free tickets" are diminishing his standing as a politician. "I am the secretary of state for National Heritage", he insists privately.

Mellor's appearance at the

Festival Hall on Thursday night, dressed in a Chelsea FC scarf. playing percussion on a football rattle in Leopold Mozart's Toy Symphony, must have been a temporary aberration.

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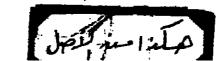
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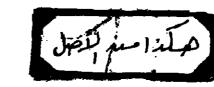
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SERIOUS GOVERNING

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The appointment serves notice to Peking that Britain intends to govern the colony in earnest until it reverts to China in 1997. Such a message should not be necessary. The 1984 Sino-British Declaration on Hong Kong clearly states that Britain's writ runs until the flag is lowered. Since 1984, and particularly since cracking down on its democracy movement in 1989, China has sought to bypass the agreement and to treat its pledge of long-term autonomy for Hong Kong as dispensable. Mr Patten must convince Peking that the lines drawn in 1984 are not to be bent, that his is no twilight colonial regime.

The speed of Mr Patten's appointment and his credentials as a former cabinet minister give him a head start. China has tried two ways of undermining the Hong Kong Governor's authority, and through him that of any emerging democracy in Hong Kong. The first has been to demand a say in local decisions, such as over the new airport, last month's budget and plans to turn Hong Kong's radio and television into an independent corporation. The second has been to claim that pre-1997 "co-operation" is a matter for Peking and London, cutting Hong Kong out of the picture. These tactics are designed to sustain a political vacuum in the colony.

Mr Patten cannot here afford the lackadaisical style for which he is known in Whitehall. He must first override the view of many in the Foreign Office who are inclined to appease China, arguing that it is a big country with whom Britain has a long-term interest in good relations. Such a policy, they say, will help secure a trouble-free transition

for the next five years, after which who cares anyway? This view is supported in some measure by powerful corporate interests in Hong Kong, both British and Chinese, more interested in maximising today's profits than in securing for the colony as much long-term freedom as is remotely realistic.

Mr Patten must know that his policy horizon is not five years but 55 years: the period during which China pledged in 1984 to respect Hong Kong's capitalist system and internal autonomy. The only guarantee of that pledge is for Peking to inherit a fully fledged internal democracy, developed by Mr Patten in defiance of Peking. This means his working closely with the new intake of democratically elected members of Hong Kong's legislative council. It also means taking the decision to increase the number of

such directly elected politicians.

This would reverse a policy still hidebound by old colonial suspicion of local politicians and by a Foreign Office fixation that it and it alone knows how to handle Peking. Hong Kong's Chinese leaders are understandably infuriated by such a policy, which they see as arrogant and dangerous to their long-term interest. They know China could undo such liberalisation in 1997, but that will then be

Democracy may seem a frail shield as 1997 approaches, but there are others in the offing. Once a bill now going through the US Congress underwriting the 1984 autonomy provisions becomes law, probably this year, any dilution of Hong Kong autonomy would risk China's cherished most favoured nation trading status with America. China itself might change, might even itself liberalise, before the 1997 deadline. There is real advantage and no disadvantage in playing the democracy card in Hong Kong. Mr Patten has bitten off a tough job, with as great a possibility of failing as in his last that the least he can do is leave Britain's last big colony a proper democracy.

49. 25.92 SPLITTING ASUNDER

Neil Kinnock's resignation as leader of the Labour party is forcing it to face unpleasant truths about itself. The machinery for replacing him, as for replacing his departing deputy, Roy Hattersley, still gives the greatest weight to Labour's affiliated trade unions. That may fairly symbolise Labour's origins. But if it also represents its future, the party's fate will be grim.

Trade unionism is now too much of a sectional interest to remain the basis of a party aspiring to national government. In 1992 the British electorate passed what is doubtless its definitive judgment on the party-union partnership traditionally at the heart of the Labour movement. The leadership contest has offered the party the opportunity to respond to this judgment. Even John Smith, early front-runner by virtue of the support of several union leaders, has noted the way the wind is blowing and abandoned his agnosticism on at least this aspect of the union relationship.

Mr Smith said on Thursday that the leadership election system must be changed. joining his voice to that of the other leadership and deputy leadership contenders. He proposed the eventual elimination of the unions' role in electing the party leader. With the present leadership election taking place under the existing system, he urged the unions - of their own accord - to ballot their members before deciding how to cast their votes. Despite enjoying their support, Mr Smith no longer wants Mr Kinnock's chair simply as the result of a visible stitch-up by union leaders using their block votes.

The Labour leadership electoral college is divided into three, with 30 per cent of the votes each going to the parliamentary party and constituency parties (which under existing rules must ballot their members). and the remaining 40 per cent belonging to the trade union sector. Union executives need not even "consult" their members - unionspeak for a head-office circular to branch secretaries — let alone ballot them.

Thus the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which controls nearly 5 per cent of that 40 per cent, has rejected a ballot of its million-plus members because of the cost, more than £100,000. The GMB general union, of similar size, will conduct a proper ballot. Others are waiting for a consensus to emerge in the trade union movement, or for guidance from the party.

Evidently the recent low profile of the trade unions in Labour's affairs was a self-denying ordinance for electoral purposes only. If the Kinnock reform of Labour's internal balance of power is to be made permanent, union leaders will have to offer something more credible than volunteering to duck out of sight whenever the voters look their way. This is a good time, therefore, for the party to be asking itself yet more painful questions, and asking them specifically of the candidates for the Kinnock/Hattersley succession.

If there is something wrong with trade unions having a 40 per cent say in the Labour leadership, surely there must be something even more wrong in giving the unions virtually 90 per cent of the votes at Labour's annual conference? If that too is wrong, what about the party's reliance on the unions to finance it? And what of the fact that a score of members of the shadow cabinet have union sponsorship, a relationship that sounds inexplicable and sinister to many voters?

The great corporations that support the Tory party financially seek no constitutional role in that party's affairs. Total divorce between the unions and Labour may not be possible nor even desirable. But they can no longer share house; they must now live at least semi-detached. In the interests of the Labour party and of a wider British democracy, the various candidates for leader and deputy should declare how bold they are prepared to be. And may the boldest win.

FUN WITH PLANNING

The new "department of fun" is starting to furrow as many high brows as it is delighting. Ideas born in the heat of electoral banle are rarely good ones. Lumping together all the tastier titbits from existing ministries under the ebullient David Mellor and giving him the grandiloquent cabinet title of Secretary of State was meant to have artists, sportsmen, conservationists and broadcasters purring with pleasure. Letters in The Times this week have begun to ask just how much thought went into this change.

The oldest maxim in Whitehall is: better to be a small item in a large budget than a large item in a small one - the gearing is higher. When the arts were buried as a mere "office" inside the education department, its officials could always find an education elephant underspending by I per cent towards the end of the financial year - 1 per cent that, transferred, meant an extra 20 per cent for a distressed museum or opera company. The same went for historic-buildings grants inside the environment department. But in a time of constrained post-election spending. "fun" might find itself suddenly farther down the queue than ever before and with no "virement" underspends to cushion it.

Even more problematic are the clashes emerging between the new ministry and those from whom it is taking functions. Mr Mellor has taken from the environment department historic buildings, their listing, aiding and preservation. Pleasure domes aplenty are within his remit, from Hampton Court Palace to the humblest grade two cottage. But the real threat to Britain's historic buildings comes not from lack of public money but from ministerial decisions

under the planning legislation. Such decisions include appeals on applicafinal judgments on great cases such as Liverpool's Lyceum, Paternoster Square and the Palumbo block in the City of London. Like the now-threatened countryside, historic buildings and conservation areas are most vulnerable not to decay but to whatever planning policy prevails at the environment department. Yet it is hardly conceivable that this department will cede to Mr Mellor the right to make planning decisions, big or small, as a result of public enquiries.

The most Mr Mellor will be able to do is lobby. This means that agencies such as English Heritage, set up in 1983 to implement government conservation policy, must work to two masters if its conservation job is to have any meaning. This has all the makings of a Whitehall dog's dinner.

The theory of a ministry of culture is that it will be better able to fight its clients' corner interdepartmentally than intradepartmentally. Mr Mellor would thus reassure the arts by being seen in slanging matches with fellow ministers on the steps of Downing Street. He would threaten to walk out of cabinet rather than see Stonehenge encircled by a housing estate or the BBC forced to close two radio channels.

fussing over the more famous and appealing clients in their portfolios; liked getting credit for standing up for them, perhaps saving them, being caught in the penumbra of their glow. Mr Mellor has stolen every penumbra going. They are thus the more likely to fight him. And Mr Mellor, who would surely like a more substantial job soon, will be the less likely to fight them back. His clients may be cheering his new citadel, but they will soon turn to assault.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thatcher legacy in perspective

From Sir David Lane

Sir. I was sad to read your reports (April 21 and 22) of Mrs Thatcher's comments in Newsweek. If she had been on the doorsteps during the general election campaign she could not have failed to hear the message from many uncommitted electors who finally - and decisively - voted Conservative but would not have done so had Mrs Thatcher still been prime minister.

As a former parliamentary colleague I hope that she will now get off Mr Major's back. Continued carping can only damage her reputation. Yours truly, DAVID LANE.

5 Spinney Drive, Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Patrick F. P. Robertson Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley (letter, April 23) is right to point out that Mrs Thatcher's wider ownership pol-icies were crucial in winning the election. He is quite out of touch, however, if he believes that as far as the electorate is concerned wider ownership is merely "one strain of the rich and varied legacy which constitutes the Conservative inheritance".

The overwhelming majority of Conservative voters in this country are not particularly interested in the Conservative party's rich and varied inheritance, whatever it may be. The reality is that they vote Conservative because they want the rightful ownership of what should never have been taken from them in the first place and which Conservative administrations before 1979 connived with the socialists to keep from them: the ownership of their homes, the right to spend a greater portion of their incomes as they choose, the freedom is send their children to the schools they want, and the right to purchase shares in the economy to guarantee their independence of the

The prime minister recognises this and the party has endorsed that package which is why John Major was mandated so strongly by the electorate to develop his own dimension to Mrs Thatcher's historic achievements. Lord St John's desire to "take

advantage of the Conservative party's whole tradition" risks causing a divisive debate. Many Conservatives would not be at ease if their party seemed willing to exchange the sovereignty of the British people for one twelfth of a voice in the EC. This is not "anti-European chauvinism" as Lord St John puts it and the tensions within the Conservative party are unlikely to be resolved by factional crowing every time Mrs Thatcher's remarks are taken out of context by the media.

If in fact Lord St John means by "tradition" a return to the sort of domineering government, ineffec-tual policies and wasted opportunities which characterised Mr Heath's administration, then he would be right to expect the electorate to take a very keen interest in the Conservative "inheritance" - but they won't vote for it.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK ROBERTSON (Secretary, The Bruges Group, 1988-91), 36 Denbigh Street, SW1.

From Mr Conor D. Burns

Sir, I believe that some critics of Mrs Thatcher's article in Newsweek (letters, April 23) have misunderstood her purpose. I am certain that her intention was to offer positive advice. It must be right that Mrs Thatcher can still point out that Mr Major cannot release the government from basic Thatcher principles as some of his anti-Thatcher ministers clearly urge him to do. It is a tribute to the policies that they win an election even in difficult times. Mr Major has no mandate to erase them.

Mrs Thatcher must continue to point out that, there can be no consensus between right and wrong, success and failure, or freedom and socialism. It is also true to say that business knows more about investment than any trade minister. If the prime minister takes these points on board he will be as successful as his

Yours faithfully. CONOR D. BURNS (Chairman). Southampton University Conservative Association. Students' Union, Highfield, Southampton.

From Mr Edward Celiz Sir, The Thatcher book is now

closed, but as Mr Major prepares to write his own let us never forget the enormous debt of gratitude we owe this remarkable woman. Mrs Thatcher was the star of the

Eighties. Her achievements were legendary, but the greatest of all was that she changed the Labour party and made it (almost) electable. Had there been no Mrs Thatcher there would have been no Labour reforms.

Yours etc. EDWARD CELIZ. 3 Lydekker Mews, Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. April 20.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Wary walking in the countryside

From Mr Michael Thompson Sir. Once again Marion Shoard has

painted a misleading picture of public access in the country in her article, "Getting back to the land" (April 18). It reeks of confrontation and incitement to trespass as if those sentiments were foremost in the minds of the hundreds of thousands of responsible people who take plea-sure in walking and riding in the

countryside today.
A rights-of-way field day took place in Cambridgeshire on April 16, when riders, ramblers, farmers, highway authority officials, local councillors and others came together in a spirit of good will to demonstrate how an out-of-date network of bridle-ways and footpaths has, with the cooperation of the parties concerned, been modernised, waymarked and re-routed for the benefit of all.

The event was a manifestation of the policies advocated in the recent Country Landowners Association report, "A bener way forward", and much credit is due to the council officers and local Ramblers' Association representatives who have worked together so effectively to make the scheme a success.

There are miles upon miles of public rights of way over large areas of this country which are under-used and it is ridiculous to suggest that townsfolk are bottled up in their back gardens and have nowhere to walk in rural Britain.

Much of the network is outdated and needs modernising but it is remarkable what improvements can be achieved when common sense and good will prevail over bitterness and mistrust. Peace in the countryside is what true country-loving people want — not emotive talk of battles, confrontation and trespass and this is the message which your columns should be spreading. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL THOMPSON (Chairman, Cambridge branch, Country Landowners Association). Stibbington House, Wansford, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. April 21.

From Dr Owen Silver Sir. Marion Shoard is unclear on the distinction between payment at point of entry and payment from the taxpayer in return for public access to the countryside.

Tyndale anniversary

Sir. The 500th anniversary of the birth of William Tyndale is surely an

occasion which all lovers of the English language will wish to commemorate suitably.

him to be regarded as one of the greatest and most influential figures in the development of our literature. liturgy and language. His masterly translations formed the basis of the King James Bible. published in 1611, many of its finest passages being taken from his work unchanged.

Expo 1970 recalled

From Mr Gordon Bowyer and others Sir, The title of Kenneth Pearson's article in your Saturday Review (April 18) on Expo 1992 in Seville, "This time Britain gets it right". infers that Britain usually gets it

Nicholas Grimshaw's design for the 1992 British Pavilion looks very exciting. If this proves to be as good as Powell & Moya's brilliant and imaginative pavilion at Expo 1970 in Osaka, Japan, it will be very good

Kenneth Pearson may not have had the opportunity to see Expo 1970; but those of us who carried out design work in its interior can assure him that its innovative design did us all great credit and was an important contribution to the exhibition. Yours faithfully,

GORDON BOWYER, MICHAEL CAIN, HUGH CASSON. LESLIE GOODAY. KENNETH GRANGE. Bowyer Langlands Batchelor

(Chartered Architects & Designers). Russell Chambers, The Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2.

Serbian campaign From Professor David Marsland

Sir. After all the moral ambidexterity and pseudo-diplomatic timidity which has characterised most media accounts of the Yugoslav crisis, it was good to read Anne McEvoy's coherently argued condemnation of Serbian aggression ("Ambitions of war", April 22).

Alas, even she has not carried the analysis through fully. Only a genu-ine threat of full-scale military action by the democracies of the free world will bring an end to the Serbian regime's escalating campaign of terror.

Yours sincerely, DAVID MARSLAND. 93 Beaufort Mansions, Chelsea, SW3. April 22.

· The answer, surely, is that walking is a recreational activity supportable by public funds in the same way as the provision of swimming pools or playing fields is supported, on the ground that enjoyable exercise is a

form of preventive medicine and therefore a sound public investment. In Scotland the debate centres on hill walking - access to largely unenclosed upland. As a southerner I have found I am amongst essentially courteous people, reluctant to walk over anyone's land without permission. This is perhaps not so much a servility born of generations of deference to the laird as a view

worst a nightmare. Without statutory rights of way in lowland Scotland the only remedy seems to lie in the access agreements Ms Shoard mentions, backed up by a positive incentive to farmers to offset the perceived detrimental effects of additional footpaths on land ownership.

through a farmer's eyes of themselves as walkers: at best a nuisance and at

The converse benefit of greater public understanding of country life and the vigilance of responsible eyes may be appreciated later.

Yours faithfully. OWEN SILVER. 6 Shorehead, St Andrews, Fife.

From Mr J. N. P. Watson

Sir. In her article demanding greater public access to the countryside Marion Shoard relates the incident of a demonstration to that end last September on Thuristone Moor in Yorkshire:

This great moorland block, whose wild, open spaces contrast with the neat fields below, is home to sheep and suipe, meadow pipits, golden plover and red grouse. But the general public have no right to roam freely here.

If that moorland was open to one and all, however, those wild birds would mostly be scared away. Britain has quite sufficient national parksand public footpaths for the benefit of the general public, and far too few quiet, undisturbed places in which her fauna and flora may thrive.

Yours faithfully, J. N. P. WATSON, Pannett's, Shipley, Horsham, West Sussex. April 21.

thus avoiding the risk of a series of conflicting celebrations. Since the Church calendar sets

From Lord Runcie and others aside October 6 as the date to commemorate Tyndale, we suggest that

Testament and part of the Old entitle

There is, however, a difficulty to be overcome. No record of Tyndale's birth exists, although we understand that historians are agreed that it took place in the 1490s and that most would place it in the year 1494. It seems now unlikely that the actual date will be established and our concern is that the birth should be commemorated on an agreed day,

committee to work toward this end

October 6, 1994, would be a suitable date to celebrate the 500th anniversary of his birth and that it would be and in particular to decide the type of celebration most appropriate. We would be grateful if any who wish to respond to this proposal

would write to the address below. Yours faithfully, ROBERT RUNCIE, TED HUGHES.

C. VERONICA WEDGWOOD. PHYLLIS JAMES. IRIS MURDOCH, WILLIAM GOLDING. William Tyndale Committee, St Bride's Church Fleet Street, EC4. April 24.

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Rights of audience

From Her Honour Judge Monique S. Viner, QC

Sir, Between 1952 and 1990, as a member of the Bar, I appeared in planning enquiries up and down the country for a variety of clients, both private and public. The majority of my local authority opponents were represented by their solicitor employees. With a very few notable excep-tions (e.g., the late Norman Schofield, the brilliant town clerk of Southampton during the Sixties) these employed advocates lacked any knowledge of the most elementary rules of advocacy, and any indepen-dent or impartial judgment.

Perhaps the Griffiths committee were basing their recommendations upon experience rather than "as-sumptions", as Alastair Brett contends ("Insulting a profession", Law Times, April 21). Yours pointedly. MONIQUE S. VINER,

Independent voters From Mr F. M. Pert

Old Glebe, Waldron,

Heathfield, Sussex.

Sir, Your leader, "Power and protest" (April 21), singles out "some groups" which "traditionally feel uncomfortable with a Conservative government". The inclusion of Scots" and "the Welsh" as such, alongside "trade unions, the unemployed, sociologists, council tenants", is a speciacularly insensitive piece of journalism.

It is one thing to ignore the fact that the Conservatives slightly im-proved their position in Scotland. presumably thanks to Scottish voters; but to lump together entire nationalities with an array of disparate social groups is disrespectful and wide of the mark. Society in Scotland and Wales is no more homogeneous than in England. Yours faithfully,

F. M. PERT, Brook House, 3 Craig Walk, Windermere, Cumbria.

Minister's views on fear of hell

From the Reverend Kendall

Sir. Conor Cruise O'Brien's arguments (article, April 22) against John Patten's call for greater fear of hell and damnation (report, April 17) may be summarised as follows: hell "is for the others", it does not work as a deterrent, and only those whose minds have been "steeped in traditional Christian theology are capable of reconciling the notion of infinite love with the practice of eternal punishment". Therefore, it should be left quietly alone.

Throughout his column he focuses his criticism on the idea of hell as "fire and brimstone" in spite of the fact that (a) Mr Patten did not specify the "damnation" which he hopes Britain will be taught and (b) a careful reading of the New Tes-tament reveals that there are three images of hell and not one: punishment, destruction, and personal

exclusion. The most important function of hell in Christian thinking is the one which Dr O'Brien never discusses: hell serves as the alternative to salvation. Mr Patten recognised this by calling for the teaching of redemption and damnation.

The two belong together: to deny hell in any form is implicitly to repudiate the requirement of redemption. If men and women do not need to be saved then the central focus of Christianity, the cross, loses its primary significance and the Church loses her sense of urgency and moral seriousness.

Dr O'Brien would do well to think on these words from Soren Kier-

Do away with the terrors of eternity (either eternal happiness or eternal perdirion) and the idea of an imitation of Christ is fantastic. Only the seriousness of eternity can compel and move a man to take such a daring decision and answer for his so

Sincerely KENDALL S. HARMON. 24 Princes Street, Oxford.

From Mr Colin Haycraft

Sir. In support of John Patten's theories of crime prevention could be cited the late G. M. Trevelyan's verdict on Swift (An Autobiography and Other Essays, 1949): "He was earnest in his religion, because he thought Yahoos could be restrained from crime only by the fear of God."

The next sentence adds for good measure: Therefore he hated the infidel as much as he hated the Papist and the Dissenter.

Yours etc., COLIN HAYCRAFT (Chairman). Gerald Duckworth & Co., The Old Piano Factory 48 Hoxton Square, N1.

From Mr R. D. Hearn

Sir. I was brought up to believe that education was about the development of the body, mind and soul of the pupil. Our schools must have this three-dimensional approach or

they are nothing. It is good that the new Secretary of State for Education is raising the level of debate by implying that schools could be undernourishing the spiritual needs of their charges. Yours faithfully.

R. D. HEARN (Head of politics). Haileybury, Hertford. April 22.

From the Reverend David Dale Sir, I think it might just be possible for me to persuade my brother clergy not to say silly things about politics and economics if someone can persuade ministers of the Crown not to say silly things about theology and education.

Yours sincerely, DAVID DALE (Chaplain, Reading School), 48 Cardinal Close, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire. April 18.

Contract bridge

From the Reverend W. R. Hanford Sir, My fellow-Welshmen may indeed be glad to learn that they are about to be able to get into England free (report, April 14), and the English may well lament that it will now cost them £2.80 to get out via the Severn Bridge.

However, before 100 much Celtic euphoria is aroused, it might be worth remembering that they will still be collecting the money on the English side.

Yours faithfully RICHARD HANFORD. Ewell Vicarage. Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

Eastern promise

From Lord Holme of Cheltenham Sir. Some lines upon the appointment of Chris Patten, with grateful acknowledgement to Hilaire Belloc: We had intended you to be The next Prime Minister but three: The stocks were sold; the Press was

squared; The Middle Class was quite prepared.
But, as it is, Bath can't be wrong. Go out as Governor of Hong Kong! Yours faithfully, 14 Soho Square, W1.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 24: The Queen was represented by Mr James Crowden, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, at the Memorial Service for Mr Michael Bevan, formerly Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire. which was held in Ely Cathedral

April 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, attended a dinner to mark the liftieth anniversary of the Royal Windsor Horse Show at the Copthorne Hotel, Slough, this evening. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

was in attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir David Williams at the Memorial Service for Mr Michael Bevan, formerly Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, which was held in Ely Cathedral today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 24: The Duke of York Patron and Trustee of Lakefield College School, this evening gave a dinner at HM Tower of

Captain Alexander Baillie Hamilton was in attendance. The Prince Edward was repre-sented by the Reverend Canon James Owen at the Memorial Service for Mr Michael Bevan, formerly Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, which was held in Ely Cathedral

The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Steel Challenge, this morning visited Ocean Village.

Southampton, to sail with the British Steel Challenge Fleet and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James

Scott, Bt). Her Royal Highness, Patron. Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, this evening attended a Dinner on board SS Great Britain and was received by Brigadier G. Hutton (Deputy Lieutenant of Avon). Mrs William Nunneley was in

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KENSINGTON PALACE April 24: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne at the Memorial Service for Mr Michael Bevan, formerly Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, which was held

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE 24 April: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Scholarships Fund, this evening attended the final of the Eightieth Anniversary Com-petition held at St John's Smith Square, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in

Latymer Upper School, Hammer-smith, 64; Sir Michael Joughin,

chairman, Scotish Hydro-Elec-tric, 66: Major-General Harry Knutton, former director-general, City and Guilds of London In-

stitute, 71; Dr Anne McLaren, zoologist, 65; Professor Wilfrid

Mellers, composer, 78; Sir Oliver

Millar, Surveyor Emerius of The Queen's Pictures, 69; Professor

J.E. Morpurgo, professor of American literature, 74: Mme Jeanne Sauvé, former Governor-General of Canada, 70; Mr Peter Schaufuss, ballet dancer and choreographer, 43; Dame Mar-

garet Scott, founding director, Australian Ballet School, 70:

Professor Sir James Sutherland.

professor of modern English lit-erature, 92; Mr Derek Waring, actor, 62; Mr Morris West, nov-

elist, 76; Mr Willie Wood, bowler,

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 35: Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company. 73; Mr Anthony Chris-topher, trades unionist, 67; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 58; Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, former chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 72; Dr T.E. Faber, director, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 65; Miss Ella Finzgerald, jazz singer. 74; Lord Gladwyn, 92; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, former Astronomer Royal, 69; Lord Hayter, 81; the Earl of Lichfield, 53; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 72; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir God-frey Milton-Thompson, 62; Judge Marian Norrie, 52; Mr Al Pacino, actor, 52; Judge Heien Paling, 59; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 61; Lord Skidelsky, 53; Mrs Linda Stone, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 41; Mr Peter Sutherland, chairman, Allied Irish Banks, 46; Mrs V.E. Sutheriand, diplomat, 53.

Service dinners

TOMORROW: Mr Justice

Cazalet, 56; Mr David Coleman,

of Dartmouth, 68: Sir Gordon

Royal Corps of Transport Members of the Institution of the Royal Corps of Transport held their annual dinner last night at Headquarters Officers' Mess, Aldershot. Major-General I.S. Baxter, president, was in the chair. Sir Bryan Nicholson, Sir Peter Walters, Mr K.E. Parry and Major-General D.L. Burden were among the principal guests.

Duntisbourse Dragoon Guards Mr Rory Clark presided at the Annual Dinner of the Duntisbourne Dragoon Guards. held at Maxine's on Friday, April

HO Strike Command Wing Commander P.L. Watson presided at a ladies' guest night dinner held last night at Headdinner held last night at Heati-quarters Strike Command, RAF-High Wycombe. Air Vice-Mar-shai G.M. Ferguson, Air Officer Administration, also spoke. Mr Robert Orange and Mr Ray Rust were among the guests.

Edinburgh medal

Professor Heinz Wolff, director of the Brunel Institute for Bio-engineering, Brunel University, has won the Edinburgh medal, awarded annually during the Edinburgh International Science Festival for the outstanding contribution made by a scientist

Worthington, 89. St Francis' College Letchworth

The Summer Term at St Francis' College began on Wednesday, April 22 and ends on Wednesday, July 1, 1992. The St Francis' College Old Girls' Association will meet at the College on Sunday, April 26, for lunch and their Annual General Meeting. The Preparatory Department produc-tion of Cinderella will be held in the St Francis' Theatre on Friday, June 26, at 7.00pm. Prize Giving will be held next term on Friday, September 25 and the Guest of Honour will be the Baroness Trumpington.

Dinners

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Dr J.M. Blatchly. Headmaster of
Inswich School, was the principal
guest at the London dinner of the
Old Inswichian Club held last
night at the East India, Devonshire, Sports and Public Schools Club. Mr R.E. Barker, president of the club, presided and Captain A.P. Hallett, RN, also spoke.

Himalayan Club
Mr Roger Payne of the British
Mountaineering Council was the Mountaineering Council was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual reunion dinner of the Himalayan club held last night at the Oriental Club. Mr Robert Pettigrew pre-



The horse tram has returned to the streets of Bradford in the form of a Victorian replica drawn by Ben from the city's Working Horse Museum. Best of Britain: Weekend Times, pages 10 and 11

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of York will attend the Falkland Families' Association annual reunion service in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at 11.00 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Falklands War and will attend a reception in the Sergeants' Mess

Downey, former Comptroller and Auditor General, 64; the Earl of Dumfries, 34; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 62; Professor Margaret Gowing, scientific historian, 71; Professor Sir James Holt, former master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 70; Mr M.L.R. Isaac, former headmaster, Latymer Upper School, Hammer-The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will at-tend the NFYFC annual meeting at Butlin's Somerset World, Minehead, at 9.40.

TOMORROW: The Queen will take the salute at the St George's Day parade of Queen's Scouts in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle at 2.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as International President of the WWF will chair an executive committee meeting at Bucking-ham Palace at 9.30; and, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will attend a gala band concert at the Albert Hall at 2.45 to mark the 50th anniversary of the forming of the corps.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a concert given by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra at St Mary's Church, Haddington, East Lothian, at 8.00 to mark the silver jubilee of the Lamp of Lothian Trust.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service of hanksgiving to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Finedon branch of the Royal British Legion, Finedon Parish Church, at 2.55.

Banquet

The Royal Society of St George The Duke of Richmond, Presi-dent of the Sussex branch of The Royal Society of St George, proposed the toast to England and St George at Anundel Castle on Thursday evening at the St George's Day banquet. The event was jointly organised by the Sussex and City of Westminster branches of the engiety

branches of the society.
Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Bury, Sussex chairman, presided.
Other speakers were Mr Bob
Sewell, City of Westminster, and
Mr John Minshull-Fogg, international chairman of The Royal nanonal charman of the Royal Society of St George, who pro-posed the toast to all branches of the society under the agreed theme of "Abroad thoughts from Home" (page Robert Browning).

Service reception

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds,
Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, received officers and their
guests at the annual regimental
cocktail party held last night at
Haberdashers' Hall.

DEATHS

NOAKES - On April 22nd 1992, peacefully in London. Reginald (Reggle) Arthur Noakes MBE, aged 91 years. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Meg) and much loved fulter of Jill, Liz and Don. Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Speisbury. Oxon, on Friday May Lsi al 2pm, All enquiries to Sole & Son. Bidsion Close. Over Norton, Oxon. OX7 5PP, let: (0608) 644112.

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Church news

Clergy appointments The Rev Canon Derek Hole, Vicar, St James the Greater, Leicester, has been appointed Provost of Leicester Cathedral. The Rev Preb David Durston. Lichfield Diocesan Adult Edu-cation Officer and Vicar, Sheriffnales (Lichfield): to be Canon Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral (Salisbury).

CHIRALTEL (NEILISTRIP).

The Rev Michael Bart, Curate, Great St Mary, Cambridge, and Chaplain of Giron College, Cambridge (Kly): to be Priest-lo-Charge, St Link, Tonque, and partime Diocesan Communications Officer (Extret.). part-time Discrement of the Control of their (Section). The Rev Farnes Bates, Vicar, 51 Mary, Feinborough; feinborough; to be Vicar, All Salins, Kingston (Southward). The Rev Stephen Bond, Assistant Curate (non-stipendiary), 52 Agatha and 51 Batmabas, Spatzhrook: to be Assistant Mark

Minister in charge, Myddle, in pinuality
w Broughton, and Diocesan Vocations
Officer (Lichfield).
The Rev Jim Hunter, Ordained Assistant Caramoney Presbyerian Church,
Januardes, Narries

Deanchester,
The Rev John M Hall, Currue,
Candorth: to be Vicar, St Paul, Likile
Marnden (nlackburn).
The New Geoffrey Kimber, Curste, St
John's, Sackburgs Hill Cheimsford; to
be Vicar, Arley, part of the Ley Group
Ministry (Coventry).
The Rev Gill Kimber, non-stipendlary
Minister, St. John's, Sackburst Hill
(Cheimsford): to be pare-time Parish
Deacon, Arley, part of the Ley Group
Ministry (Coventry).
The Rev Peter Knight, Curste, St
Dunstan w St Thomas, East Acton
(London): to be Vicar, St. John, Old
Malden (Southward). Hutther payers.

The Rev Trevor Pearce, full-time Chapisin at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary,
Derby (Derby): to retire as from 31 July.

The Rev Canon William Riley, Bector,
Tarleton, and an Honorary Canon of
Blackburn!: to Blackburn Cathedral (Blackburn): to retire in August.
The Rew Jim Smith, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Altear (Liverpool): to retire as from 30 September.
The Rew Victor Vont. Vicar, Clifton, St James's, Rotherham (Sheffield): to retire as from July.
The Rew John Wooldsidge, Cartate-in-charge, Printity Chapel, Buston (Derby): to retire as from 30 June. Malden (Southward).
The Rev Dr John Ledward, Rector,
Rockland St Mary and Hellington,
Bramerton w Stuffingham, Claston and
Carlston St Peter: to be also kural Dean
of Loddon (Norwich).
The Rev Geoff Marin, Curate, Christ
Church, Harwood: to be Vicar, St Luke,
Deeplish (Manchesper).

Other appointment Mr Peter Browning has been appointe Chairman of the Carlisle Diocesa. Board of Education.

University news

the school of geosciences has been conferred on Philip Doughty, keeper of geology at the Ulster Museum, and R. B. Warner,

acting keeper of antiquities at the

museum. The university has received grants

agricultural chemistry. Professor Arthur Gilmour, of food micro-biology, and Dr Brendan Austin, of mechanical and manufac-

Oldham: 10 be also Priest-in-charge, St Chad, Limeside (Manchester). The Rev Karl Writy, Royal Army Chaplains' Department: 10 be Vicar, St Luke's, Monton, Carliste (Cartisle).

The Rev Sam Doubthe, Rector, St Agnes, North Reddish Danchester; to retign as from 31 August. The Rev Adrian

Agnes. North Reddish (Manthester): to resign as from 31 August.
The Rev Adrian Pikher, Vicar, North Stoire w Mongeweil and Ipsden (Oxford): retired as from 20 April.
The Rev Norman Lifton, Vicar, Tricknell, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge (Derby): to retire as from 31 October.
The Rev Rouald Lordey, Priest-in-charge, Theydon Garmon and Ladustrial Chaplain in Eppling Forest Deaney (Chelmord): to retire as from 14 August.
The Rev Edward Lurkings, Vicar, Fotterspory w Fortho and Yardley
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Resignations and retirements

Appointments Queen's, Belfast The title of professor emeritus has been conferred on Dr Aladdin Bahrani, professor of manufacturing engineering 1983-90. The title of honorary lecturer in the school of manufacturing has been

Latest appointments include: Mr Richard Fries, head of the broadcasting and miscellaneous department of the Home Office, to be Chief Charity Commis-sioner, from June 1. He succeeds Mr Robin Guthrie, who has taken up a post with the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Mr Charles Henderson to be a Deputy Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, from May 5, responsible for insurance, companies, competition policy, conumer affairs and the insolvency

Mr Anthony Hugh Beadles, Headmaster of King's School, Bruton, to be Headmaster of Epsom College from next January, in succession to Dr John Cook, who is to be Director of the Inner Cities Young People's

Memorial service

Mr Michael Bevan The Queen was represented by Mr James Crowden, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Professor Sir David Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, at a memorial service for Mr Michael Bevan held yesterday in Ely Cathedral.

Prince Edward was represented by Canon James Owen, the Princess Royal by Lord Somerleyton and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Major Nicholas Barne.

The Dean of Ely officiated. Mr Roger Bevan and Mr James Bevan, sons, read the lessons and the Right Rev Peter Walker gave an address. The Bishop of Ely ounced the blessing The Bishop of Peterborough

Canon Dennis Green Canon James Rone and Canon William Patterson were robed and in the Sanctuary. Among those present

The Lords Lieutenant of Bedfordshire. Ersex, Herdordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, the Vice-Provost of Eton College, representatives of the Cambridgeshire Leutenancy, the Magistracy, Ely Cathedral Appeal, Cambridge University, the Fixwelliam Museum, the Fayworth Trust, RAV Alconbury, RAF Wyton, the Grensdier Guards' Association, the British Red Cross, the Order of St John, the Scout Association and the Oil Guidde Association and the Oil Guidde Association and the Cross dignituries. The Lords Lieutenant of Bedi

Memorial concert Mr Francis Tibbalds

A memorial concert in celebration of the life of Mr Francis Tibbalds was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Martin Henwood officiated

Mr Robin Thompson read the Mr Robin Thompson read the lesson, Mr Maurice de Rohan read from the works of Francis Tibbalds, Mrs Margarer de Rohan from T.S. Eliot's East Coker and Mr Chris Colbourne from Terry Pratchet's Mort and Reaper Man. Mr Andy Karski, Mr Malcolm McDonald, brother-in-law, and Mr John de Monchaux gave addresses.

The university has received grants worth more than £700,000, including £239,741 from the Department of Economic Development for research on the application of high pressure technology to food processing. The work will be carried out by Dr Donald Johnston, of food and Miss Hilary Jenkyns, soprano, sang "Alleluja" from Mozart's Exultate Jubilate, accompanied by Mr Mark Stringer, organ; David Foster, treble, sang Geoffrey Burgon's Nunc Dimitis, accompanied by Mr Stephen Hicks, trumpet, and the Trinity Choristers sang from Rutter's Requiem with Mr Dominic Kelly, oboe.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Anderson and Miss C.M. Barker

The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Anderson, of Newtown Linford, Leicestershire, and Caroline Mary, youngest daughter of Mr David Barker, QC, and Mrs Diana Barker, of Nanhill, Woodhouse Eaves,

Mr S.H. Cottle

and Miss K.E.H. Howan The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of the late Mr A.R. Coule and of Mrs C.E.W. Cottle, of Poole, Dorset, and Kirstine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Howatt, of Eccleston, Cheshire.

Mr G. Douetil and Miss N.D. Robson

and Miss N.D. Rooson
The engagement is announced
between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs
C.P. Douetil, of Busbridge
Lakes, Godalming, and Nicola,
daughter of Dr and Mrs A.O.
Robson, of Horsenden, Princes

Risborough.

Mr M.N.S. Joues and Miss M.S.A. Andrew The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr Terence Jones and the late Valerie Jones, of Barking, Essex, and Martha, only daughter of the late Peter Andrew and of Mrs Laye Andrew, of Dulwich, London.

Mr A.J.P. Knott and Miss S.M. Davenhill The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs M.J.P. Knott, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Cookie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A.R. Davenhill, of Bewdley,

Mr H.T. Knowles and Miss C.L. Butler

The engagement is announ between Hans, youngest son of Mr R.T. Knowies, of Norfolk, and Mrs H. Knowles, of Battersea and Katy, youngest daughter of Mrs M. Butler, of Bedford, and the late Canon B.E. Butler. Mr A.J. Mayfield and Miss L.E. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the Right Rev C.J. and Mrs Mayfield, of Wolverhampton, and Lury, daughter of Professor and Mrs R.M. Harrison, of Oxford.

Mr S.I.J de S. Mercer

and Miss A.O. Alcock The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Terence Mercer, of Low Bridge House, Markington, North Yorkshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Alcock, of 'Lynvale', Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr C. Nettleton

and Miss S.K. Reid The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Travers Nettleton, of Buxted. Sussex, and Susannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs lain Reid, of Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr G.R. Panton and Miss D.R. Gover The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Mr P.S. Panton, of Brighton, and Mrs J.A. Panton, of Shorehamby-Sea, and Della, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Gover, of Great Bookham.

Dr W.J.U. Philip

and Dr R.A. Carswell The engagement is announced between William, son of the Rev James and Mrs Phillip. of Edinburgh, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Carswell, of Kirkintilloch,

Dr M.E. Wunnerlich and Miss C.F. Hill

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gerhardt Wunnerlich, of Birkenfeld, Black Forest, Germany, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs William of Famham

BIRTHS: John James Audubon.

naturalist and artist, Cayes, Haiti, 1785; Eugene Delacroix, painter, Charenton-Saint-Maurice, 1798;

Artemus Ward, writer, Water-

DEATHS: Daniel Defoe, nov-

elist. London. 1731: Henry Cockburn, judge. Edinburgh, 1854: Bjernstjerne Bjernson, nov-elist, Nobel laureate 1903. Paris.

1910: Carl Bosch, chemist, Nobel laureate 1931, Heidelberg, 1940;

Edwin Pratt, poet, Toronto. 1964; Gypsy Rose Lee, sophis-ticated stripper. Los Angeles. 1970; Sidney James. actor, 1976;

William (Count) Basie, jazz band

leader and pianist, 1984; Lucille Ball, comedienne, Los Angeles,

The Great Plague of London began, 1665. John Wilkes Booth, actor, the assassin of President Lincoln (April 14) was shot dead by troops, 1865. The world's worst mining disaster occurred with 1.572 deaths at Honkeike Colliers (Chine 1982)

Colliery, China, 1942. Tangan-yika united with Zanzibar to form

the Republic of Tanzania, 1964.

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ford, Maine, 1834.

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Edward II, reigned Oliver Cromwell, lord protector 1653-58, Huntingdon, 1599; Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, en-gineer, Hacqueville, France, 1769; John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement, Fairford,

Gloucestershire, 1792: Charles Burgess Fry, sportsman, Croy-don, 1872; Waiter de la Mare, poet and novelist, Charlton, Kent. 1873; Guglielmo Marconi, physi-cist, Nobel Jaureate 1909, Bologna, 1874; Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, Princess Royal, York Cottage, Sandringham, 1897; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureare 1945, Vienna, 1900.

DEATHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Rome, 1595; John Woodward, geologist and physician, London, 1728; Andes Celsius, inventor of Uppsala, Sweden, 1744; William Cowper, poet, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1800; Daniel Maclise,

1976. Today is Anzac Day, com-memorating the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, 1915.

historical painter, London, 1870:

The Times Guide to the Single European Market

The Times Guide to the Single European Market is published this week by Times Books. Written by Richard Owen and Michael Dynes of The Times, it deals with the new order that will come into force in the European Community at the end of this year. Based on The Times Guide to 1992, it has been rewritten to include new developments. The book is available from bookshops, price E8.99.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs George Warr was christened William Gerald Winter by the Reverend Derek Wasson, the Re-Day. The godparents are Mr Paul Newman, Mr Charles Utley, Miss Ruth Gledhill and Miss Tabitha

Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire

Summer Term begins on Sunday, April 26. Old Wycliffian Day is Sanırday, June 27, with full details included in The Star. Speech Day is Saturday, July 4, speech Day is Saturday, July 4, when the prizes will be presented by Mr Charles Rigby, of World Challenge. The Headmaster, Anthony Millard, is visiting Hong Kong May 20-29 and looks forward to meeting Old Wycliffians and any other families. His secretary has full details. Telephone 0453 822432 Few Telephone 0453 822432, Fax 0453 827634.

St David's College,

tor, at St Luke's Parish Church, Chelsea, at evensong on Easter

Llandudno

The Summer Term started on April 22 and ends on July 4. Open Day will take place on June 20. Day will take place on June 20. Prizes will be presented by Dr Arthur Hearnden, OBE, General Secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council. The Expedition to Nepal departs June 26.

Telefax 071 782 7827

Telephone 071 481 4000 The Lord slands aloof from the

wicked, but he listens to the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15 : 29 BIRTHS

ADAMS - On April 22nd. to Caren inee Manley) and Çaren inée Ma Alastair, a son. BARBOUR - On April 16th, to Annelle and lain, a daughler. Crace Amella, a sister for

CANSDALE - On April 9th at 14:02 to Derene (nee Hallon) and William, our long awaited son, Oliver James.

FULLER - On April 23rd, a Odslock Hospital, Salisbury Odslock Hospital, Salisbury, to Karon (nee Quinn) and Jonathan, a son. Benedict Alexander James, a brother KARK - On April 22nd 1992.

to Tom and Judy, a son.
William George Arthur.
Thanks to the star of the
Lindo Wing. Si Mary's.
Paddington. London. MONCRIEFF - On April 11th, to Harriet (Oldham) and Clive, a daughter, Alexandra Mary Oldham, a sister for Charlotte.

RHODES - On April 23rd 1992, at University Hospital. San Diego, to Doctors Jan and Samon Rhodee, a daughter. Samantha Clare. First grandchild for Alan and Diana Rhodes of Bristol.

SABZVARI - On April 22nd. ai the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Parsin and Mehrelad a con Ashkaza

ANNIVERSARIES CADSURY:WALKER - On April 26th 1932 at St Germain's, Edgbasion. Germain's. Edgbasion. Birmingham. Alan and Jane Now at Haffield. Ledbury. GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

REDMOND:MORRIS - Jame REDMONDING HAR James and Joan thow Sir James and Lady Redmond). Mar-ried at All Hallows. Alterion. Liverpool. on 25/4/42. Now at Highgale. London.

ALLEN - On April 23rd 1992.
peacefully at home. Asse
Grimsmo. of Lymm. Cheshire. Dearly loved wife of the
late Roger Allen. Funeral
Service at St Mary's Church.
Lymm. on Tuesday April
28th at 3.15 pm. Flowers or
donations if desired to The
Mocrafillan Trust. Enquiries
to John Burrows & Sons.
Funeral Directors. Lymm.
Cheshire, let: (0925) 752501.

BAKER - On April 22nd 1992. at Paignion, Decon. Ronald Edgar Baker MBE. aged 91. formerly of S. Mawes. Cornwall. Royal Artillery 1939-45 (Lt. Col.) Coneral Manager of Soillers iScotland) 1946-61. Service isrotiand) 1940-61. Service at Torquay Crematorium at 2pm on Wednesday April 29th, Enguirles to Maunders Fumeral Service, Paignton, let: (0903) 556581.

DEATHS CONSTABLE - On April 23rd. in Durban. South Africaafter a short illness. Douglas
Hardy. Dearly loved
husband of Jeanne and
loving father of Lesley and
DI. Enquiries to 102751
343387.

DENISON - On April 24th, in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, John Boyd of Minchinhampton, beloved hugband of Joyce, refired, hughand of Joyce, refired Service at Holy Trialty Church, Minchinhampton, on Friday Triolly Church, Minchinhampion, on Friday May 1st at 12 noon. No flowers, Enquiries to Fred Stevens Funeral Director. Natisworth, Stroud, Glos., let: (0453) 832188.

grant - On April 23rd, peacefully at home in London in her 93rd year. Louise, widow of the late A.D. Grant of Rosario. Argentina. Much loved by her whole family. Funeral at the Church of Our Lady of England, Storrington, at 3pm on Thursday April 30th. R.LP.

MIRSCH - On SI George's Day, at home in Cambridge, Elizabeth Mary Lowder. Funeral Service at West Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium, on Wednesday April 29th at 3.30 pm. No flowers at her request: donations may be sent to Cambridge Philharmonic Society, 85 Cubert Road, Cambridge.

DEATHS SECRETAN - On St George's Day, at home and very peacefully. The Reverend Philip Secretan T.D. M.A. aged 82 years. A very beloved husband, father. father-in-law and grand-father. Funeral at St Mary's Parish Church. Balcombe. Sussos. at 12 noon on Friday May 1st. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: A/C Newick Branch. Royal British Legion. Barcians Bank, Uckfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOARE - On April 23rd 1992. Veronica Constance, aged 95. laiety of Fulling Mill. Whitchurch, peacefully in a nursing home. Beloved sister, aunt. great-qual. Thanksgiting Service at All Hallows. Whitchurch. Saturday May 2nd at 11.30 am. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers to All Hallows. Whitchurch or Zululand and Swaziland Association. TILLY - On April 23rd. Chartes Selby of Greatham. Hartlepool. dearly beloved husband of Alison. very dear father of John. Hugh and Toby. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of Si John the Baptist. Greatham. Wednesday April 29th at 2pm prior to private cremation. No flowers by request but donations in lieu if so desired to The Hartlepool and District Hospice. Alice House. Hutton Avenue. Hartlepool. Cleveland. MITCHELL - On April 23 d in Chapel Hill. North Carolina. Mary. widow of Col. Sir Harold Milchell and mother of the lale Mary-Jean Mitchell Green. Deeply missed by her son-lin-law peter Green and her grandsons Alexander and Andrew Funeral Service to be held in the Kincardine-on-Forth Parish Church at 3 pm on Friday May 1st 1992.

WRIGHT - On April 23rd 1992, peacefully al Friary Lodge Nursing Home, Friern. Barnel. Doris Madeline "Baby" Wright (née Beljamy), widow of Ceorge Maurice Wright, Requiem Mayer of Church of Our 1 adv. Maurice Wright. Requiem Mass at Church of Our Lady. Lisson Grove. St John's Wood. on Wednesday May 6th at 10 am followed by private interment at St Mary's Cemetery. Harrow Road. All enquiries and flowers to J.H. Kenyon Ld... 6 Woodhouse Road. N12 ORG. tel: (081) 448-1661.

FUNERAL TRUSTEE ACTS ARRANGEMENTS THORNE - Christopher Funeral at Edburton Church Funeral at Edburton Church.

In: Brighton. Tuesday April
28th at 2 pm. Either Rowers
or send donations to The
Crustopher Thorne
Memorial Lecture Fund to
Attree and Kent. 11.5 Church
Street. Brighton BNI 1UD. MEMORIAL SERVICES

IN MEMORIAM - WAR BAKER - Harry R.M.L.i. the CHATHAM. To his memory and his comrades the ANZACS who fell of Gallipoli in April and May 1915.

served at the Dardanelle 1916. Callipoli Association in memoriam -PRIVATE LENMAN - A.H., 26th April

TAIT - in loving memory of Dorothy M. Tail who died April 28th 1985 in her 92nd year, Sadly missed. Cyril.

NOTICE is hereby gh-en pursuant to 27 of the TRUSTEE ARL 1926 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names. Addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send par ticulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified after which date the relate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HALLETT EILEEN MARY of 23 Ashteigh Court. Solomous Hill, Rickmansworth died on 10 March 1992. Particulars to Curry CH, Hautsmann Poneck Solutions of 380 Kenton Road. Kenton

SPICER - A Thankspiving Service for the Life and Work of Joanna Ravenscroft, Mrs Spker. CBE will be held at the Church of St James's, Piccadilly, London W1, at 11.30 am on Tuesday May 19th 1992. All are welcome to attend.

JACOBS, MARGARET ANN 15
Thomson House 68 Beatsorough
Flace. London SW1 Died 25th
January 1992. Parliculars to
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London SW1V 2AF before 30th
June 1992.

MULLOY BERYL MARY of 47 Homogower House. St Floiens Rose. Swansee died on 18th November 1991 particulars to Bryan O'Conner & Co., Solicitors of 19-20 Southwark Street. London. SE1 1TS before 26th June 1992

O'DOWD BRIGHD of 19 B Goucester Terrace, London died on 20th September 1991, Partic-plans to John Healy & Co., Solici-

TRUSTEE ACTS VERDIAN ARAM ABRAM of 56 SI Albans Avenue. Churwick. London W4 died on 13 Nox-embor 1988 Particulars to Osmond Coumt & Rose Solicitors of Win-gion House, 349 Regents. Park Road, Finchley, London N3 1DI Glef; 21) before 29th June 1992

PUBLIC NOTICES

MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE WAS IRANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY (Register No. 50 Coll) Registered Officer (Register No. 50 Coll) Street, Manchester, M2 2AB The Annual General Meeting Will be held in the Arcadta The Attraction of the Prompade, Liandadoo or the Prompade Liandadoo or atre. Promenade. Liandwine on Monday the 18th May 1992 at

12.45 p.m. ACCADA
Notice convening the Meeting;
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Auditors Report 1991; Reappointment of Arbitmators,
Appointment of Trustees; Any
other business.

All Box number replies should be addressed to: BOX No:- C/o Times Newspapers P.O. BOX 484.

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PERSONAL APPEARS IN WEEKEND TIMES **SECTION PAGE 16**

Market Marchine Comment

Auswers from page 16 POZZY-WALLAH

POZZY-WALLAM

(2) A man inordinately foud of jam, hence figuratively of a lover of sweet and cushy things, British military from the Boer War, pozzy means jam, perhaps from a South African language: "For the natives in South Africa used the word, before 1900 in the least, to designate any sort of sweetment." AGMINATE

(b) Arranged in a group or cluster, a congeries or haddle, usually botanical, from the Latin agmen a troop: "There are generally about twenty clusters of these agminate follicles." PIOUPIOU

(b) A polyaiar name for a French private soldier, "Tommy Arkins", child language for a birdie: "The speaker looked down on the pioupiou with superb. MISOCAPNIST (a) A hater of tobacco smoke, from the Greek miso-hating + kapnos amoke: "Offending the nostrils of all misocapnists with the fumes of his mundangos."

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OBITUARII

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CHARLES

Charles P Ginsburg, whose development of th first practical video record er revolutionised the tele vision industry, died in hospital in Eugene, Oregon, on April 9 aged 71.

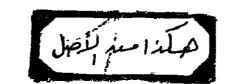
A MAN who made a lastin mark in the field of electror in Chanes Gamburg ang hally wanted to be a doctor and enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, Bu ne decided after two year that medicine was not be meter and switched to th study of animal husbands instead. Then he ran out t money, was forced to leav the university in 1940 an spent the next few years war denna from job to job He finally completed his education at the far less pre-

serious San Jose State Col ege, where he gained a back clor's degree in engineerin and mathematics in 1948 while working his wa through college he took a job an engineer for a local radio station Almost by acci dent he had found his tru

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MICHAEL GREEN

Michael Green, former ex-ecutive editor of The Banker. died on April 19 aged 77. He was born in Manchester on November

28, 1914. MICHAEL Green was a man of catholic taste and warm relationships. He started in academic life and ended up in the City, acquiring en route expertise in the Chinese opium trade. American politics, films, wine, oil and international money and banking. He became executive editor of

The Banker in one of its most influential periods. Green blossomed in his native Manchester and the high academic standards of its grammar school, sharing vintage years there with, among others. Lord Lever, Lord Sieff and Lord Ardwick. He shone more brightly than most, winning a scholarship to Trinity College. Cambridge, gaining a double first in history and becoming a senior scholar in 1936. Three years later he became a fellow of Trinity

and shortly afterwards a visiting fellow at Harvard. It was his introduction to American life and politics, from which he both gained and suffered. He married an American, Marian Gelin, and took up American citizenship. His academic stud-ies were concentrated on the Far East, particularly on Britain's role in the opium wars. on which he published British Trade and the Opening of China 1800-1842. He was soon a senior analyst at the Board of Economic Warfare and, later, a government ad-



Charles P. Ginsburg, whose development of the

first practical video record-

er revolutionised the tele-

vision industry, died in

hospital in Eugene, Oregon, on April 9 aged 71.

A MAN who made a lasting mark in the field of electron-ics. Charles Ginsburg origi-

nally wanted to be a doctor.

and enrolled at the University

of California at Berkeley. But

he decided after two years

that medicine was not his metier and switched to the

study of animal husbandry

instead. Then he ran out of

money, was forced to leave

the university in 1940 and

spent the next few years wan-

education at the far less pres-

tigious San Jose State Coll-

ege, where he gained a bach-

elor's degree in engineering and mathematics in 1948.

While working his way

through college he took a job

as an engineer for a local radio station. Almost by acci-dent, he had found his true

He finally completed his

dering from job to job.

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viser on the Far East, an activity that was to serve him well a decade later when he took up an appointment in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon).

Like so many liberal-minded academics at that period. he suffered from the McCarthyite outbursts in Washington. He decided to return to Europe, working in Switzerland and in Paris, where he wrote about wine. Back in London he became a senior officer at the British Film Institute and, more important, met Bea Siegel who was to become his second wife. Her linguistic expertise

made her adept at subtitling foreign language films.

They went for a spell to Ceylon, where Michael Green was appointed director of economic research at the Central Bank of Ceylon. It was his basic introduction to the banking world and to the essential tools of economic analysis and financial writing. On his return to London he entered the world of finan-

cial journalism, first on an oil trade paper and finally on The Banker. He thus shared in a decade of change and influence at The Banker, first under the editorial guidance of William Clarke, fresh from The Times, and, in the later 1960s and early 1970s, as executive editor with the growing help of Hamish McRae and Frances Cairneross, and of Robert Pringle, his eventual

It was a period when The Banker met the international challenge of the longest postwar boom, moving from the domestic orientation established 40 years earlier by Brendan Bracken to the new and less staid world of Eurocurrencies, Euro-bonds and the internationalisation of banking. Green brought to his task an unrivalled interna-tional knowledge of the academic and governmental worlds, and a liberal economic outlook that served the magazine well in its growing efforts to spot new financial centres and to assess and interview a new breed of financiers.

It was inevitable that one of the leading City stockbroking firms, de Zoete & Bevan, should spot Green's abilities and appoint him as their eco-nomic adviser for his last years before retirement in 1979. In retirement he continued as a member of the Wincott Foundation's Press Award Panel.

He is survived by his wife. Bea, and three sons.

calling. He worked at station

KQW in San Jose until 1951,

when he received a call from

Alexander Poniatoff, founder

of the Ampex company, then

a small concern in Redwood

City, California. Poniatoff

had had an idea: to create a

magnetic tape and a recorder

for television images. Could

Ginsburg accepted the

challenge, was put in charge

of a research team, and found

himself in a race with several

major electronics companies

which were pursuing the

same objective. Among his team was Milton M. Dolby, a

pioneer in sound technology

whose name has since be-

come a household word. To-

gether they overcame the

technical problems to beat

their competition to the goal.

Inventors Hall of Fame.

Ginsburg help?

CHARLES GINSBURG

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR **HUGH CONSTANTINE**

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh (Alex) Constantine, KBE, CB, DSO, a former Commander-in-Chief of Flying Training Command. died on April 16 aged 83. He was born on May 23,

"CONNIE" Constantine taught Douglas Bader to fly and, by coincidence, after Bader had been crippled in an air crash, was one of those who cleared him to climb back into the cockpit. Among the compliments lavished upon Constantine, the one which he treasured most was paid him by his former pupil. "'Connie' was one hell of a

pilot", Bader said. Constantine never sought to be much more than that, despite his glittering RAF career. Within two years of passing out from RAF College, Cranwell, he was posted back as a young flying in-structor. He went on to teach at the RAF's Central Flying School and to lead the display team - forerunners of the Red Arrows — which im-pressed spectators before the second world war by flying upside down in close formation. As a bespectacled group captain during the war he insisted on joining the first 1,000-bomber raid over Cologne in 1942 — an unusually frontline position for an officer of that rank. By the time he retired in 1964 he had flown more than 80 types

He won the DSO in 1942 after commanding the bomb-er station at Elsham Wolds, Lincolnshire, and was men-tioned in dispatches four times. The first occasion was in 1936 when he was serving with an armoured car company in Iraq and Palestine, attached to the Cameron Highlanders. Connie Constantine was

of aircraft.

educated at Christ's Hospital, before going to Cranwell, and started as a fighter pilot. But he moved to Bomber Com-



"Dam Buster" operation.

36, an unusually young age

for promotion to Air Vice-

Marshal even in the excep-

During his time with No 5 Group at Waddington, Con-

stantine worked closely with

the scientist Barnes Wallis,

inventor of the "bouncing

bomb" and won praise from

General Montgomery for the precision bombing carried out by his aircraft in support

of British troops crossing the

Rhine. At the same time he

was bitterly disappointed by what he saw as the lack of public recognition for Bomb-

er Command after the war,

despite the heavy casualties it

tional circumstances of war.

Constantine was still only

mand within a few years and remained there during the formative years of his career. Constantine's place in the history of the service was very much that of a mainstay in Bomber Command during the war when he became a protégé of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur Bomber" Harris.

He was senior air staff of-ficer (SASO) with No 1 Group between 1943 and 1944 - when he was handpicked by Harris to become deputy SASO at Bomber Command headquarters. Then in December that year Harris told him that he was to succeed the celebrated Sir Ralph Cochrane as Air Officer Commanding No 5 had suffered. He remained survived b Group, already famous for its an admirer of Harris daughter.

Between 1956 and 1959 he was deputy chief of staff (plans and operations) at SHAPE in Paris, where he came into close contact with

throughout his life and at

command renunions in later

years always sat at his former

C-in-C's right hand.

Montgomery. One of his responsibilities was to do much of Monty's entertaining something which Monty always looked upon as a chore. He was commander in chief of Flying Training Command between 1959 and 1961 — a iob in which he was verv much in his element - then vent on to be commandant of the Imperial Defence College from 1961 until 1964 when he retired. For the next 13 years, however, he continued to work part-time at the Ministry of Defence as coordinator of Anglo-American community relations, helping to foster relations between the

American airmen in this country and the British population. Over six foot tall and weighing 14 2 stone. Constantine was a promising boxer as a young man and was also a rugby forward of some distinction. He played for Leicester, the RAF and Eastern Counties and once was

even given an England trial. He was a governor and almoner of Christ's Hospital, where he will be remembered through the Constantine prize for leadership. Among the other honours conferred upon him was an hon LLD from Warwick University.

He married his wife Helen. an Australian, in 1936. She had gone to see the air display at Hendon, escorted by the actor Errol Flynn — a keen amateur pilot — and thus first saw her future husband flying upside down. They celebrated their golden wedding six years ago on the day that he left hospital after a triple heart bypass operation. He is survived by her and by their

MARTIN WILLIAMS

Martin Williams, American jazz critic and cultural historian, has died in Washington aged 67. He was born on August 9, 1924.

LIKE his English contemporary Charles Fox - who died last year - Martin Williams was an exemplary jazz scholar whose knowledge extended across the spectrum, from the recordings of King Oliver to the avant-garde experiments of Ornette Coleman. At a practical level, his most important contribution was his stewardship of the Smithsoni-

an Institution's jazz programmes. His interests ranged beyond the confines of jazz. His final collection of essays — Hidden In Plain Sight: An Examination of the American Arts to be published posthumously by Oxford University Press) examines the lingering assumption that America's indigenous art forms are in some way interior to those of the Old World. Martin Tudor Hansford Williams studied English Literature at the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University, New York, He subsequently wrote for several newspapers and magazines. including The New York Times, Harper's Magazine, Downbeat and The Saturday Review. In 1958 he joined

forces with another leading

critic, Nat Hentoff, in found-

ing The Jazz Review. a

monthly magazine. In 1959 Williams edited the anthology The Art of Jazz: Essays on the Nature and Development of Jazz. His own contribution was limited to two brief essays with the forbidding titles "Recording Limits and Blues Form" and The Funky-Hard Bop Regression." Among his later publications were studies of King Oliver (1960), Jelly Roll Morton (1962) and "a listen-er's introduction to jazz". Where's The Melody? (1966). His best work, perhaps, is to be found in The Jazz Tradition (first published in 1970 and revised in 1983), a survey built around a series of illumi-

nating profiles.

This year saw the publica-

Col Maurice

Buckmaster

MUCH has been written this

week about the wartime ser-

vice of Colonel Maurice

Buckmaster (obituary, April

20). However, in peacetime,

too, he has worked enthusias-

tically for greater under-standing and contact between the French and Eng-

Twenty six years ago Mau-

rice Buckmaster became the

APPRECIATION



tion of Jazz Changes, another collection of previously pub-lished essays, interviews and liner notes. Williams invariably preferred conscientious somerimes arid — analysis to the dazzling turn of phrase, but in Jazz Changes there was a welcome element of playfulness in the form of parodies of a number of his fellow scribes. The book concluded with an impassioned call to protect and develop

jazz's heritage. Williams was able to begin to put these sentiments into effect at the Smithsonian Institute, where he was appointed director of the jazz and American cultural programmes in 1970. In 1983 he became editor of special projects in books and recordings at the Smithsonian His tenure at the Smithso-

nian was not entirely free of criticism. There was a feeling among musicians and fellow writers that he had become increasingly aloof and opin-ionated. Nevertheless he was responsible for major innovations. Along with the author and composer Gunther Schuller, he supervised long-awaited annotations of the Institution's jazz recordings. To emphasise that jazz was a living art form, he collaborated with the reeds player and arranger Bob Wilber on a series of concerts of vintage music. From these emerged the Smithsonian Jazz Repertory Company, a group led by Wilber which presented adventurous programmes span-ning the eras of Bessie Smith and John Coltrane.

architect of the twinning be-

tween the towns of Montargis

(Loiret) and Crowborough

(East Sussex). Through his

office as president he fostered

mutual understanding at all

levels, encouraging many on

both sides of the Channel,

who may formerly have been

suspicious and intolerant of

each other, to enjoy each oth-

er's company, life-style and

He was greatly loved and a

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language.

true European.

IAN DOW

Ian Dow, theatre production manager, died on April 1, aged 76, in Nor-wich and Norfolk Hospital. He was born on January 3, 1916.

IAN Dow was one of the most experienced and widely respected of stage managers. He was educated at Glasgow Academy and Sedbergh. After leaving school, he took up various occupations before he finally persuaded his parents to allow him to go into the theatre, which had been his first love.

He was involved in 1935 with the Curtain Theatre in Glasgow, which was run by Norman Bruce. He also worked for the Pilgrim Trust, which at the time was setting up drama festivals in community centres in the depressed area of Bellshill in Scotland.

In September 1937 he was taken on as a stage management student at the Old Vic and in due course he became a full time employee, stage managing the Guthrie-Guinness modern dress Hamlet, the Granville Barker-John Gielgud King Lear and the George Devine-Marius Goring production of The Tempest.

He moved at the beginning of the war with the Old Vic to Burnley and stage managed its CEMA tour, including a production of Trilby with Ernest Milton and Sonia Dresdel in 1940. In January 1941 he joined the army

In 1956, Ampex intro-duced the world's first practiand on his first 48-hour leave pass went cal video recorder, and the to London. During the first night of his tape to go with it - and the stay he was the victim of a German bomb and narrowly escaped death. After a considerable time in hospital, he was era of all-live television was over. In 1990 Ginsburg was invalided out of the army. inducted into the National He was eventually fit enough to take

and abroad.



up the position of stage manager of the Gielgud production of Macbeth for H. M. Tennent. He then became variously stage manager, stage director and was eventually appointed by Hugh "Binkie" Beaumont as the British theatre's first production manager.

He was responsible for some 300 of Tennent's productions in the coming years. These included The Visit which started the Lunts: Oklahoma!; West Side Story: My Fair Lady; The Skin Of Our Teeth with Vivien Leigh and Cecil Parker, directed by Laurence Olivier, the first British production of A View From A Bridge: Peter Brook's Hamles and a whole range of productions in London

He was at the same time responsible

for the administration of the entire studio workshop's construction for H. M. Tennent's Globe Productions, a company which produced two plays for television each month for a period of ten

Sound and Lighting, which undertook technical work for various theatrical managements, including Tennent, fol-lowing the death of Hugh Beaumont. He was responsible for the Peter Ustinov production of An Unknown Soldier And His Wife, which opened the New London Theatre; No, No, Nanette at Drury Lane; and Gypsy starring Angela Lansbury at the Piccadilly Theatre. He was also technical director for the musical version of Billy Liar which was presented by Drury Lane. In the 1970s he continued his work in

the theatre with the newly formed company which re-opened the Old Vic Theatre, following the National Theatre's transfer to the South Bank, with a production of *The Ghost Train* and Frontiers Of Farce. In 1977 he was asked by George Murcell to assist in the opening of a second season of St George's Elizabethan Theatre, and in 1978 he devoted the summer to increasing the capacity of that theatre to 600

Ian Dow retired in 1980 and moved with his second wife Margaret Gillies, whom he had married in 1968, to South Creake in Norfolk.

He was an active member of the Lords Taverners, the Stage Golfing Society and the Green Room Club. He leaves his widow, Margaret, and a

April 25 ON THIS DAY

In 1967, the decision by the board of the National Theatre that Rolf Hochhuth's play, The Soldiers, was unsuitable for production at the theatre caused considerable comment. After several

attempts to stage the play had failed, it was finally put on at the New Theatre, London in December, 1968.

> PLAY ABOUT CHURCHILL REJECTED By JOHN PETER

The Board of the National Theatre decided yesterday that Herr Rolf Hochhuth's play. The Soldiers, was unsuitable for production at the theatre: and their unanimous decision brought sharp comment from Sir Laurence Olivier, director of the theatre, and Mr. Kenneth Tynan, literary manager.
The play, on which the board

took an option last autumn, was inspired by the bombing of Dresden. The Board lelt that some characters, especially Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Cherwell, were grossly ma-

Sir Laurence Olivier and Mr. Tynan met Herr Hochhuth in London last weekend and suggested a number of alterations all of which he accepted.

The board's discussion yesterday was their first on the complete text. They were told that changes were to be made by the author - who left Landon earlier yesterday without knowing their decision. Sir Laurence Olivier told The

Times that he was extremely unhappy about the verdict. He had asked the board for time to see whether the balance of the play could be adjusted. The board, he thought, had taken a

hasty decision. He added that Herr Hochhuth had been most cooperative about suggestions for altering the play: he was a scrupulously fair-minded,

honourable, and utterly unconcerned for his art. Mr. Tynan said he thought the board had shown a tracic failure of vision and a remarkable lack of confidence in the

judgment of an artistic director who had succeeded in establishing the National The atre as one of the major companies of the world. The board's decision, Mr. Tynan went on, brought into question the whole matter of the separation of powers within a subsidized theatre. It was his view that, although the board should lay down the broad lines of policy, the choice of

actors and plays had to remain the prerogative of the artistic

Sir Laurence had mumphandy carried out his mandate. Only the other day, for example, his support of a completely unknown play-wright, Mr. Tom Stoppard. had been harled as a landmark in theatrical history. And this, Mr. Tynan added, was the moment the board had chosen to present what clearly amounted to a vote of no confidence in him.

"I believe," Mr. Tynan went on, "that Rolf Hochhuth's play belongs to the ancient, classical, integral theatre of high debate on great matters of public concern". He believed that a national theare should restore drama to that kind of

Lord Chandos, chairman of the board, said: "A play which imputes the murder of General Sikorsky to Sir Winston Churchill at the instigation of Lord Cherwell is not suitable for the National Theatre." (General Sikorsky. Polish Prime Min-ister, died in an air crash in

He said that the first script contained this imputation. The author was given plenty of time delivered some time later, still

lined the imputation. "All matters of artistic imnortance naturally are matters for the director. Wide national policy is a matter for the board."

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M Bishop of Repion: 11 S Euch, Missa city's IBritteni. Jesus Christ is risen (Wood). The Arthdeacon: 3.15 E. Responses (Archer Second Set), Balriowin E flat. Allerinis (Mozarit: 5 Scouts' Service for Si George's Tide. Rev D W Flesker: 0.30 Sermon & Compline. Rev P G C Breat YORK MINSTER: 8 & 945 HC; 10 S Euch, Linie Organ Mass (Haydh, Ven Leslie Stanbridge; 11.30 M, Responses (Rose, Te Deum in Filreland), Stanford in B flat. 2.30 Service for Si George's Day 4 E. Stanbord in A. O Lorde, the maker of 21 thing Houberti, Res L. Carberny.

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL B HC: 10.30
M. Responses (Sumsion). To Deum charits, Jubilate (Neetkers Shan Service.
Canon C Hill: 11.30 HC. Mass in C Schubery, Regina coell (Sortano): 3.15
E. Blair in B minor. My belowed spake (Hadley), Rt Rev A Clark, RC Bishop of E angita. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M.
Responses (Sumsion), Easier Anthems. WESTMINSTER ABBEZ: 6 No. 10 MR.
RESPONSES (SUMSION). Easter Anthems.
Stanford in B flet. The risen Christ
Mobile. Rev B Reed. The risen Christ
Mobile. Rev B Reed. The risen Christ
Missa brevis in O (Mozarti, Joys seven
Alcobury). Here, O my Lord (Whillock).
Rev P Ferguson. 3 E. Now the God of
peace (Ringlan), Moyor in A. Christ the
Lord is risen again (Rutten, Canon P
Bales: 5 45 Organ recline, 0.30 ES. Rev
P figling.).

Bales 5.45 Organ recite: 8.30 as. Rev B fallard.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDBAL: 9 HC: 11 Such. Missa bresis in B flat (Mozani. Dum transisset (Tavernet), Ave Maria /Parsons). Canon R White. 3 E. Glouceste Service (Howette), My beloved spake (Hadley). Canon R White. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL 7. 5. 9. 12. 5.30 & 7 Mass, 10.30 SM. The Mass Euge bone (Tye). Christias resurgens exmortals Philipsi, Allegro Symphonie V (Viernet, 10 MP. 2.30 Organ recitals).30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat octaw (or: [Lassuc]. Great is the Lord (Eigan, Prelude & Fugue on Bach (Lissu.)

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL Southwart: 6pm LM (5ait: 8, 10 ICILIdere's service), 6 LM: 11 30 HM, Fr M Jones, GREER ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSCOW Rd, W2: Ornhodox Easter Sunday: 10.30pm Sarurday The Resurrection Service; 12 midright Easter Liurgy: 10am Easter Matins: 11am Easter Liurgy: 5.30 Easter Vespers.

Priselan ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF

MAINS: Hail Edisia. Date of Seasor Vespers.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdas. SW7: Orthodox Easter Sunday: 11.45pm Saurday The Resurrection Service: 12 midnight Easter Mailns; 12m Easter Liurgy.
Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh.
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA. Lantaster Rd. W II: Orthodox Easter Sunday 12 midnight The Resurrection Service followed by Easter Mailns; 10.30mm Easter Liurgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC. II 15 MP, Set me as a Sesi (Wallon). Rev R S Clarke. ROYAL HOSPITAL Chelses, 5W3: IR (1662). Up. up. my bean (Bach). Hand clies (Byrd). Tocaha (Gigoun). Rev T Hincy.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY,

WC2 11 M. Te Deum (Harris in A flat),
Let God arise (Locke). The Chaptain:
12.30 HC.

GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Sarracks, SWI-11 Special Service of Easter

Readings. hymns and music. 12 HC

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Readings. Hymns that master 12 He issaid;

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Radcillic), Te Deum, Benedictus (Gibbons Short Service), Dum transisser sabhatam (Tavernen, Camon I G M W Murphy, TEMPLE, PUNCH, Theat Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 HC. Stanford in C, Christ the Lord is risen, The Creed (Merbecker, Rise, heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Stanford Coronation in B flat. The Master ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church WC2: 9 HC: 11 MP Extended by The Aircrew Association), Stanford in C, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), God

is our strength and refuge (Dambusters), Rev A T R Goode; 12.15 HC.
CHAFEL ROYAL, Hampson Court Pal-sce: 8.30 HC, 11 M Imen's voices), Responses (Reynolds), Wood in E, Be unto me (Byrd); 3.30 E (men's voices), Deo gratias (Byrd), Wood in G. Since God so tender a regard (Purceil).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: !1 S
EUCh. Rev I C Thurston.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 8 &
5.15 LM: 11 HM. Collegium Regale
(Howells Alleiuys, Curiste is now tysen
agayne (Vaughan Williams), The Vicar,
6 E & B. Collegium Regale (Howells),
Surgers Jesus (Phillips), The Vicar,
ALL SOULS, Langham Piace, WI: 11 Rev
S Wookey: 6.30 Prob R Bewes.
CHEISEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk,
SW3: 8 HC. Rev J Smith: 10 Children's
service: 11 M, Rev H Loasby: 6 E, David
Royce. ROYCE.
CHRIST CHURCH. CHELSEA, SW3: 8
HC. 1: 5 Euch. Rev S Acland.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7:
10.30 Family Communion Service.
Sandy Millar: 6,30 Informal Es. Nicky
Gumbel.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel. REV DT M ISTRE!. HOLY TRINITY, SJORNE Street, SW1: 8.45 & 11 HC, Rev K YRIES. ST ALBAM'S, Brooke SI, ECI: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Mozaro, Preb J Gaskeli: 5.30 LM. IT HM, Missa brevis (Mozard, Preb J Gaskell: 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.
Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC II M, Britien in C. A. Artise in us (Martin Shaw). The Rector: 6.30 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). A rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcett). The Rector.
ST BRIDT'S. Fleet Street. EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Jubiliate (Britien in C. Stanford in C. Dum transisser Sabhauum (Taverner). Canon J Oates. 6.30 Choral E. Responses (Rosel. Evening Canticles: Noble in B minor, Christ heing raised from the dead (P Moore). Biested be the God and Father (Wesley), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philipeach Gardens SWS: 10 HC: 11 S Euch (Gibbons in F). Rev J Vine. ST GEORGE'S. Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch: 6.30 EP, Fr M Day. ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Mozari In C, The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Glier
High St, WCZ: 8 & 12 HC: 11 MP, Rev P
Frunch, 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 &
6.30 HC: 10.30 Family Service.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC;
11 S Euch, Rev D Norgard; 5.45 EP,
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Cardens, W2: 8
HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev B Galloway; 3.15
St George's Day Service; 6 Choral E. The
Vicar

ST 10HN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC (said), 10 Parish Communion, Rev O ROSS: 6.30 ES, Rev T Birchard. O ROSS: 6.30 ES, REV T Birchard.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NWS: 8
HC. 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S
Euch, Rev A Walker.
ST LUKE'S. Choises, SWS: 8 HC. 10.30
MP & HC, Rise Heart thy Lord is risen
(Vaughan Williams); 6.30 E (said). Rev
N Vigers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NWI: 8
HC; 10 Family Communion: 11 S Euch,
Congregational sening (Merbecke). Rev
T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI:

11 Choral M. Responses (Tomkins), Te
Deum (Leighton), Christ rising again
(Tye), Rev R. Hollowst; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FFELDS, WCZ: 8
HC (1662), 9.45 Euch, Rev M Henwood;
11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev W
Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G
Lee: 5 Choral E: 6.30 ES, Rev D Randall,
ST MARYS, Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 9.45
& 7 LM: 11 HM, Missa brevis in F,
(Haydru, Fr B Scott: 5 Solemn E & B,
ST MARYS, Primrose HIR, NW3: 8 HC:
10.30 Parish Euch; 6 E.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, IU.3U PATISH EUCH; 6 E.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road,
W1: 8 HC. 11 Choral Euch, Mass
(Merbecke), Rev 1 Brown: 6.30 EP.
ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church),
Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev
D Derrick.

ST MATTHEWS, Great Peter St, SWI: 8 LM: 10 SM. Music (Murray). Rev M Hayes: 6.30 LM. ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SWI: 11 HC. ? Informal ES & Grey Coat ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: !1 Choral M. Rise up, my love (William), How (Canterbury Responses), Stainer in B flat, Great is the Lord (Ouseley): 12 HC. ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC: 0.30 Informal Service. ST PAUL'S, Wilson Place, SW1: 8 a PHC: 11 Solemn Euch, Communion Service in D (How), Christ rising again (Weelkes), Haec dies (Byrd), Rev N Dawson. ST PETER'S. Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM. Fr D Tülyer: 6.30 E with Double Choir, Wood In F. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; II MP; 6 30 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 Sung M, Missa Brevis (Palestring), Ye Choir of New Jerusalem (Stanford). ST VEDAST, Foster Lane. EC2: 11 Sung Mass. Rev R Aveni. ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Pont Street, SWI: 11 Rev J H McIndoe; 3 HC Rev J H McIndoe: 6-30 Rev W A Cairns. Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 &
6.30 Rev S Hood.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street,
WI: 11 Missa Phora passa (Vladana),
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FARM STREET, WI: 7.30, 6.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa brevis (ives), Equipme just (Viadana), Laudare dominum (Modzari).
THE ORATORY, Brumpton Road, SW7; 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa pro victoria (Victoria), Regina caeli (Howells): 12 30, 4 30, 7; 3,30 v 8 B, Af regias agni dapes (Washingtom). ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa de la batalla escoutez (Guerrero). ST MARYPS, Cadogan Street, Swi 6.30. 10. 11, Mass in a minor (Casciolini). Regina coeli (Lotti, Ave Maria (Faurèi, 12 15 and 6.30 Mass.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, WI: 9.45 Sunday School; HI Worship, Rev R Allison. CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC: 10-30 Mr Graham Carr. CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, Kings Road, SW3: 11-8 6 (Wives Group Service) Rev M Braddy. HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WI: 11 Rev P Hoar: 6-30 Rev M Rothwell.

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KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic),
Noting Hill Gaie, W11: 9 Communion;
11 Celebration: 2.30 Celebration: 6.30
Musical: 9 Music Talkback
RENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8:
11 Rev P Lovelti. REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian-Congregational), Tavistock Place, WCI: 11 Rev C Owen: 6.30 Rev Dr R Scopes. SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall). Ox-ford St WI: 11 Mrs Major Maureen Hont: 6.30 Major Colin Hunt.

HORI: 630 Major Colin Hunt.

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NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

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\$3 JOHN'S WOOD UBC, NW8. 11 MS.

Rev Dr D T Jenkins. Rev Df D T Jenking.
WESLEYS CHAPEL City Road, EC2:
9.45 HC: 11 MS, Rev P Hulme. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Meth-odisi), SWI: 11 & 6 30 Rev Dr R J Tudor. Oddsi, SW: 11 g 5 U Rev D F J 1 dods WESTMINSTER CHAPEL Buckingham Gate, SW: 11, Mr F Mockett: 6.30 Rev Lyndon Bowring WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakes), 52 St Marins LA WCZ: 11, Meeting for worship.

GEC blamed for channel tunnel delay

BY MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RESPONSIBILITY for the delay in starting the full Channel tunnel service lies with Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, and GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French company responsible for building the Channel tunnel trains, Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, said yesterday.

Speaking on BBC Radio. Sir Alastair attempted to deflect attention from Eurotunnel's financial and construction difficulties by laying the blame for delays in the provision of the full ser-

Mujahidin agree to share power

Continued from page 1 replaced by a government headed by Burhanuddin Rabbani, the leader of Jamiat-i-Islami, as president. Mr Masood will hold the powerful post of defence minister.

The accord will help to avert a war among the resistance forces vying for power in Kabul. It came as a complete surprise as earlier Mr Hekmatyar had refused to share power with Mr Masood, his bitter rival, and had moved his forces to surround the Afghan capital. He had also threatened to take power by force if the Kabul administration did not surrender by April 26.

However, observers and diplomats here doubt whether this arrangement would work. It seems unlikely that the squabbling among the Mujahidin leaders would endand that they would form a viable and stable government. In fact, most political parties in Afghanistan might not accept Mr Hekmatyar in any role

Prisoners freed, page 10

vice between London, Paris and Brussels at the doorstep of "Lord Weinstock and his French colleages".

His accusation coincided with the publication of Eurotunnel's annual report, which warned of further delays in the opening of the Channel tunnel because of disputes over the cost of construction work, stringent safety requirements and the late delivery of rolling stock.

February that it would miss its scheduled opening date of June 15, 1993, by at least three months, while a full service was unlikely until the summer of 1994. The opening of the £9 billion tunnel may now have to be delayed for a second time, Eurotunnel has disclosed.

Three services will be available when the tunnel opens, including Eurotunnel's car and lorry shuttle service, the international passenger ser-vice provided by British, Belgian and French railways, and the new freight services between Britain and some 20 continental destinations.

Responding to a question about when the full Channel tunnel service would be ready, Sir Alastair said: "I'm afraid Lord Weinstock and his French colleagues in GEC-Alsthom are going to be late with British Rail and SNCF's [French railways]

GEC-Alsthom, which won contracts together worth E500 to build trains for the inter-capital service and British services north of London. will not be able to meet the original delivery deadline.

During a meeting between ministers and company officials towards the end of last year, it is understood that Malcolm Rifkind, the former transport secretary, told Lord Weinstock that the anticipated rolling stock delivery delays could not be tolerated

Share offer, page 17



of a celebrated Spanish beauty has been authenticated as a Goya and is expected to fetch up to £1 million at Christie's next month (John Shaw writes). The study, measuring 264 in by 197/8in, is of Dona Maria Teresa de Vallabriga y Rozas, wife of the Infante Don Luis de Borbon, Francis-

co de Goya's first big patron. "Goya and the sitter came from the same town and they obviously hit if off together because she looks wonderful," Charles Beddington, head of Christie's Old Masters department, said. The painting was last recorded at the palace of Boadilla Delmonte, 15 kilometres from Madrid. "It came

to be regarded as a copy in the 19th century," Mr Beddington said. "That may be because of a misunderstanding of something written on the back, 'C. Del Goya', which could be read as 'Copy Del Goya'." It came to England in 1980. "It was filthy dirty but, when it was cleaned and inspected, it became obvious that it was an original."

Universe may still hide a dark secret

Continued from page 1 matter from which the uni-

verse evolved. The finding of disturbances in microwave signals from the edge of the universe helps to explain how a uniform distribution of matter from the big bang congealed into stars and galaxies. To astronomers believing current cosmological theories, the finding is an enormous relief. for, without it, they would have been forced back to the drawing board. Sir Martin Rees, professor of astrophysics at Cambridge, said: "It's important that the fluctua tions exist because if the experiment had not found any. researchers would have worried whether they were working along the right lines."
What, however, happened

before the ripples? Was anything around before the big bang, and if not, how did it come about? Even with its secrets unveiled, the universe seems to have left a little room for belief in God.

While solving one mystery. the discovery focuses attention on another. The satellite results provide supporting evidence for the "inflationary cosmology" theory that the structure and behaviour of

the universe were determined by minute fluctuations occurring when it was less than a trillionth of a second old However, the amount of gravity provided by these fluctuations was certainly inadequate to draw together the galaxies and clusters of galaxies. That process can be explained only if there is much more matter in the universe than we can detect.

The results support the idea that this so-called "cold dark matter" exists, but take us no nearer understanding it. If cold dark matter is there. shaping the universe, it is proving hard to find. Astronomers speculate that it may be in the form of Jupiter-sized stars too dim to see. black holes a million times the mass of the sun, or particles that pass through matter leaving

scarcely a trace.
As Arnold Wolfendale, Astronomer Royal, writes in to-day's Times, finding cold dark matter will be as important, or perhaps even more important, than this week's results. Astronomers should save a few superlatives.

> The Astronomer Royal writes about the origins of the universe, page 12

Mexicans seek cause of city explosion

Continued from page 1 parts salesman now sleeping

with hundreds of others on fold-away beds in the class-rooms of a nearby school. The city's mayor, fire chief and head of the sanitation department, resigned yester-

day following charges that the authorities had ignored warnings of a dangerous gas build-up in the sewer system. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, of Mexico, ordered

an investigation. In the morning a leak was discovered in a petrol pipeline operated by Pernex, the stateowned oil company, and the area was evacuated. Pemex, which on Wednesday had accused a privately owned cooking oil company, La Central, of leaking liquid hexane into the sewer system, denied their

leak could have caused the explosions.

Few believe Pemex's accusation against La Central. "I think Pemex are the guilty ones. La Central is not big enough. How could they produce so much gas to produce this?" asked Mario Alonso Amador, a 22-year-old

"The government is manipulating the information." said a woman scavenging for her belongings. "If it can show La Central is responsible not Petnex, it can avoid responsibility.

There were also remarkable escape stories. A baby was thrown from a car on to the top of a house and survived. Susanna Anzures survived her car describing a somersault and landing nose-first.

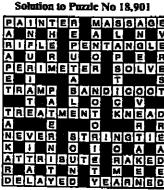
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,902 DOWN ACROSS

- 1 Savoy spotless for the summer
- 9 Turkey on a plate, edible, may be cured (9).

 10 Thalia, for example, amazing sort going by air (5).

 11 Whaling, went to ground in Greenland initially (6).
- 12 For the city, Lincoln Road eve
- 13 Butterfly aircraft? (6). 15 Melancholy cry of stag one can pick up in the woods (8).
- 18 Lehar, possibly, boring in the setting of bars? (8).
- 19 Gamble to drink, swallowing head of stout! (4-2). fluttering Bunthorne's Bride, say (8).
- 23 Metaphysical poet one left out, for a wonder (6). 26 The doldrums, a bit of a rotten nuisance (5).
- 27 Gadabout said to be courteous bout teatime (9). 28 Foreign ladies in C.C.? It would

be like bringing about the end of cricket! (12). Solution to Puzzle No 18,901



- I Baseball player susceptible to colds and the like? (7).
- Loop around long fuse (5). 3 How Anne Bronte, otherwise, might respond to signal? (5,4).
- 4 European river in which the Spanish survive (4). 5 A blackener of souls, they say, fit to turn up in Hades? (8). 6 Dangerous sort of night-burner?
- 7 Interest reduced? How irresponsible! (8).
 8 Officer reputed to be a bit of a nut
- 14 Dying to get old wife into burial-heap? (8).16 Narcissus, a cat in mutineers'
- ship capsizing (9). 17 Introductory part in which poor glue comes unstuck (8). 18 Hospital with dreadful tales of the meat-loaf? (6).
- 20 Speech sound? Yes, initially (7). 22 As a king, he was bound to go round (5). 24 One piece of food for six-plus (5).25 Blow-out in apartment (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,896 TIRADE IDOLATER A E U D A O O I SIGHTER ERASMUS M A C A A N B K
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A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486. Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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A daily safari through the ruage jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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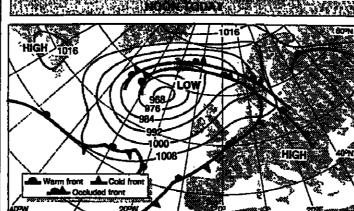
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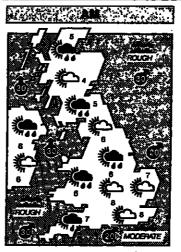
The winners of last Saturday's com-petition are: R T Newbery, Barnfield, Epping, Essex: V Jones, Alleyn Park, London SE21: A Havering, Market Place, Cawood, N Yorks; S V Straker, Manor Rd. Reigate, Surrey, R L Brown. Bramham Gans, London SW5.

Apart from coastal showers in the north and west, most areas will start dry with sunny intervals. Showers, heavy and thundery at times, will develop this morning, especially over Northern Ireland, Wales and western counties of England and Scotland. Over eastern Britain, the showers will be lighter. This evening, showers inland will die out, but it will be windy. Outlook: more general rain will cross Britain tomorrow, with Monday being showery. Breezy.

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THE BUSINESS

SATURDAY APRIL 25 1992

Eurotunnel rights issue before passenger trains run would be 'last resort'

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

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Profile

When James Wolfensohn left Australia for America, he had to hitch a ride with the air force and finance his way through Harvard by run-ning the college laundry. Now a multi-millionaire, he advises on such top-flight



EUROTUNNEL may is-

sue shares to Transman-

contracting consortium,

in part settlement of £1.2

billion of outstanding

claims, but will do all in its

power to avoid a rights

issue before the tunnel has

opened, Sir Alastair Mor-

ton, chief executive, said.

His effort to reassure share-

holders came as pressures on

the Channel tunnel develop-

er, arising from cost overruns

and delays, continued to mount. Sir Alastair reaffirm-

ed his belief that the rail

tunnel between Britain and

France could open on Sep-

tember 15 next year, three

months late, with goodwill from contractors. But a full

passenger service will not be

Because of that delay in

Eurotunnel expects to spend

an additional £730 million on

the project, and on interest payments, before the tunnel

opens, bringing the total cost

Alastair

Eurotunnel would try to avoid any further cash calls, at least

until passenger carrying op-erations had begun. Graham

Corbett, the company finance

director, said: "We have suffi-

cient funds to opening if that

can be achieved by the fourth

quarter of 1993." Thereafter,

there was "some uncertainty

revenues,

available until mid-1994.

passenger

to £8.1 billion.

che Link (TML), the required."

Line of action

A plan by the Halifax Building Society to insure directors and officers against litigation is likely to meet strong resistance from some members at next month's annual meeting...... Page 22

Bonus misery

Bonuses on with-profits endowment policies are likely to remain lower in the nineties than they were in the eighties because of ERM inflation curbs, a new report

Morton offers

shares to ease

tunnel dispute

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

funds will or will not be

In an effort to ease the



High technology

Technology stocks are nudging the top of the investment performance tables for the first time since 1983. The recovery is underpinned by an 18 months' raily in American technology stocks, which some investors predict will continue, despite a fall in the shares over the past month. Michael Bourne, of Prolific Asset Management, says the worldwide recession means investing in technology shares is now a good



Direct saving

Householders may now save up to 20 per cent on contents insurance and as much as 15 per cent on buildings insurance by buying the cover directly from General Acci-

Health hazard

Steep premium rises for company health schemes mean that employees are often having to accept lower levels of cover, especially in relation to pre-existing con-.. Page 22



Next week's comprehensive review of the funding of the Investors' Compensation Scheme is likely to result in higher premiums, or larger deductions from invest-

Times writer wins award

NEIL BENNETT, banking correspondent of *The Times*, has been named junior financial journalist of the year in the 1991 Wincott Founda-tion awards for financial journalism.

Bennett, 26, joined The

Times in 1989 from Investors Chronicle. His award was presented for general excellence in City reporting, with particular reference to The Times' coverage of the BCCI



Bennett: winner

banking collapse. He re-ceived his award from Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, at a presentation lunch in the City.

Senior financial journalist of the year was David Lascelles of the Financial Times, and business journal ot the year Telegraph.

In broadcasting, BBC2's Money Programme was named business programme of the year, with Paul Neild of Channel 4 News as business journalist of the year. A special commendation went to BBC1's Troubleshooter.

Diary, page 12

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7715 (+0.0075) German mark 2.9256 (-0.0039) Exchange index 92.3 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

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IN NEW YORK TONY O'Reilly, chairman of

irish independent Newspa-pers, and failed bidder for the Australian Fairfax com-

million) in salary, bonuses and share options ranks second only to the record \$78.1 million earned in 1990 by Warner, the entertainment

But Mr O'Reilly also topped the list, compiled by BusinessWeek, the American financial magazine, for giving his shareholders the least for their money over a two-year period, 1989-91, when

funding pressures and to resolve a nine-month battle with TML, Eurotunnel had

offered to issue shares to TML's owner companies, Sir Alastair said. "We may discuss it again as part of the settlement arrangements." Shareholder approval would be sought before any shares issue, which would, "if possible", account for less than 5 per cent, but "could not" be more than 15 per cent, of the company's total equity. Eurotunnel is taking legal

steps in response to the failure to maintain progress on time and to cost. In a presentation yesterday, alongside the com-pany's preliminary announ-cement of results for the year to end-December, Sir Alastair confirmed that Eurotunnel is seeking to settle its dispute with TML by binding arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce in Brussels.

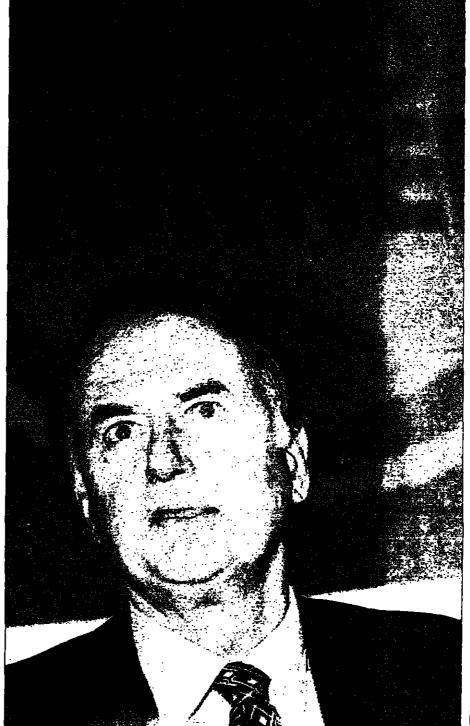
Eurotunnel's move mounts to a rejection of earlier findings from the disputes panel — established under terms of the construction contract — that were intended to settle claims from the contractors for most additional payments. The panel found largely in favour of TML, and ordered Eurotunnel to make additional in-

as to whether additional terim payments of £50 million a month, starting at the end of next week, until a full settlement was agreed.

Eurotunnel denies that the judgment is binding. Arbitration, which could take several years, is intended as a backdrop to talks with leaders of the five British and five French companies that jointly own TML However, a TML spokesman said the contractors were convinced the disputes panel finding is legally enforceable. TML intends to take action if interim payments are not increased threefold. However, talks

Eurounnel, which is in technical default on its loan agreement, has also begun urgent talks with its bankers, and says it has access to money to pay the contractors if it had too. The company will, however, need to start drawing down funding facilities from its panel of 220 banks at a waiver of its loan conditions to be extended before then.

Eurotunnel is also to sue the British and French goverruments for more than £100 million in total to cover unexpected costs because the saferegime imposed is more exacting than originally envisaged. The company will also seek changes in agree ments with the French and British state railway



Channelling legal efforts: Sir Alastair Morton wants arbitration in TML dispute

Trustees try to save Maxwell pensions

BY NEIL BENNETT

ACCOUNTANTS and pension trustees are making last-minute efforts this weekend to save the pension payments of 40 former employees of

Robert Maxwell's companies. Clay & Partners, the pen-sion trustee, informed mem-bers of the Headington Pension Plan yesterday that their pensions would be stopped from next week because of doubts over the value of assets in the fund.

On hearing the news, Rob-son Rhodes, liquidator of the pension funds, gained court permission to release new information to the trustees. Clay's staff will study the documents this weekend.

Clay's decision is the mos drastic taken against Maxwell pensioners since the £456 million pension fraud was uncovered in December.

Clay took the action after Robson revealed that Clay's share of the common pension fund was worth between £1.2 million and minus £660,000. Clay had believed it had assets of £1 million. Clay was told by its solicitors that it could not make payment while there was the risk of a defect in the fund.

The scheme was intended to run like a unit trust. It has emerged that no records of the allocation of units was kept by Bishopsgate Invest-ment Management, which ran the pension schemes, 18 months before the Maxwell empire collapsed.

Robson is now trying to find ways of allocating the units between the separate funds. The matter will eventually be decided by the High Court.

Alan Fishman, a Clay di-rector, said: "This came without any warning at all We had always been led to believe there was still £1 million in the kitty."

Trade deficit and retail sales offer little cheer

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE current account deficit narrowed to £575 million in March, the smallest monthly shortfall this year. But the first-quarter deficit was three times larger than in the previous quarter, according to govemment figures.

Retail sales data showed a drop of 0.8 per cent in volume in March, reflecting consumer wariness before the election, and the late Easter. Year-on-year, sales feil 3 per cent, after an annual 1.4 per cent rise in February, distorted by a rush to beat a VAT

James May, director general of the British Retail Con-sortium, said retailers were now looking forward to re-

newed recovery in year-onyear sales. "The last fortnight in particular has shown positive indications of returning consumer confidence, with good sales over the Easter period in all stores."

The trade and retail sales data held scant evidence of upturn. But pre-election cau-tion had been expected to restrain retail sales, and the flat result suggests the overall economy will show a further fall for the first quarter.

The pound eased back to

DM2.9256 at the London close, down less than half a pfennig, and gained threequarters of a cent to \$1.7715. The current account deficit,

million in February, grew to £2.14 billion in the first quarter, despite recession. The widening was mainly due to a lower projection for the sur-plus in invisibles, such as insurance, banking and ship-ping. The deficit on visible trade narrowed last month to £875 million from £1.1 billion in February, but was wider in the first quarter than in the

final quarter of 1991. The visible deficit, excluding oil and erratic items, was £1.1 billion in March, broadly unchanged since last summer. Imports were £9.8 billion in March after almost £10 billion in February, while exports fell £50 million to £8.9

O&Y banks look at loan extension

BRITISH lenders to Olympia & York, the troubled Wharf development

The 11 construction banks esterday drew up plans for the loan, believed to be about £30 million, not the £110 million O&Y asked for earlier

They have refused to advance the loan for the 90 days O&Y requested, but are believed to be willing to lend the funds for a month, then decide whether to extend it. The proposals suggest the banks also extend the £52 million emergency loan made

Canadian property group, will decide this weekend on a proposal to advance an emergency loan to the Canary

O'Reilly tops pay list in America

Heinz, the food group, and pany, was paid more than any other American executive last year, with the second highest pay packet on record. His \$75.1 million (£42.4

Steven Ross, head of Time



his pay package totalled

Also on the worst return list are Paramount Communications' Martin Davis, Chrysler's Lee Iacocca, United Airlines' Stephen Wolf and Rand Araskog, head of

Mr O'Reilly protested to BusinessWeek at being placed top of its annual pay league table, arguing that \$71.5 million of his salary came from stock options granted ten years ago. He said it was "financial illiteracy" to include them in one year. BusinessWeek says it would be "financial idiocy" to exclude them.

A spokesman said: "We have included them in the year Mr O'Reilly has to declare them as income to the IRS and pay tax on them." For the same reason, the list excludes Roberto Goizueta. Coca-Cola chairman, who was granted rights to ! million shares with an indi-

cated value of \$82 million.

but will not own or pay tax on them until at least 1996. The

list comes at a time when the big American pension and insurance funds are waging a war over executive pay and performance and demanding a bigger say in how boardroom pay is structured. The Securities and Ex-

change Commission has for-

ced companies to give shareholders a much clearer picture of what executives earn. According to Business-Week chief executive pay and bonuses fel 7 per cent last year, but once share options were included, total compensation packages rose 20 per cent to a record average \$2.5 million.

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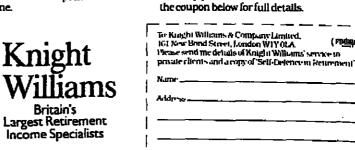
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IMF maps integration of former **Soviets**

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FINANCE ministers and central bank governors from the Group of Seven leading economies meet in Washington this evening to try to chart the best route to integrating the former Soviet Union into the international economy. The West needs growth ro-

bust enough to bear the cost. The G7 sessions tonight and tomorrow will be central to the half-yearly meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, which runs until Tuesday. The aim is to complete the necessary procedures by next week to allow Russia and 14 other former Soviet republics formally to join the IMF.

The daunting scale of the support the new members need will be underlined by the fact that the G7 deliberations are to be widened to include Switzerland, Sweden and the Benelux countries -- making up the G10 -- to discuss the planned stabilisation fund of \$5 billion to \$6 billion for the

Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, and David Mulford, undersecretary to the American treasury, have warned Russia that any backsliding on its economic reforms could delay access to IMF loans.

M Camdessus believes Russia could start receiving IMF loans by July, if all goes well. Yesterday, however, he drew attention to the extra capital,



Camdessus: warning

Net dividend

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about \$100 billion, that the IMF will need by 1996 to cope with the additional burdens. A \$60 billion capital increase is already in

While Russia will dominate the headlines during the Washington meetings, the health of the world economy will be an equally important theme of the G7 deliberations. America has for the past year been pushing for more emphasis on growth than on fighting inflation. But Bonn has told the Americans that Germany has no intention of loosening its monetary reins before it has quelled inflation, and that it is determined to bring unification-driven German public sector deficits under control.

Despite the desire for lower interest rates and stronger economic growth among Germany's European partners, the Europeans are likely to support Germany in the face of American demands. The committee of European central bank governors this month endorsed the Bundesbank's stance.

Since there is little hope of a policy shift from Europe, and America has effectively exhausted its scope for monetary easing or fiscal stimuli, Japan is expected to come under pressure to give the sluggish world economy a boost. Japan, though dogged by a slowdown, still runs huge current account and budget

Japan is divided over whether it should give a fur-ther boost to its economy, on top of the accelerated public spending programme already decided. Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, has resisted monetary easing on the ground that Japan is about to throw off its sluggishness.
The ruling Liberal Demo-

crats, however, believe that stimulating domestic growth could be of political benefit and assuage fears about the

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Piling up: transporters loaded with General Motors cars at an assembly plant in Lansing, Michigan

GM plans \$2bn share offering

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

GENERAL Motors announced a shake-up of North American divisional executives and a plan to raise more than \$2 billion from Wall Street. However, the world's largest carmaker, which lost a record \$4.5 billion last year, denied it was preparing to axe models.

In a boardroom coup a fortnight ago, the company stripped Robert Stempel, its chairman, of most of his executive power. As Mr Stempel addressed GM's 750,000 employees yester-day, the carmaker's shares fell \$2 to \$40.375 in New York. Wall Street expects GM to make a loss of almost \$1 billion this year.

GM plans to sell 50 million new shares in a global offering, increasing its ordinary shares by around 8 per cent to 680 million. Mr Stempel has kept his title of chairman and chief executive, but yesterday's statement was made jointly with John Smith, who has assumed most of Mr Stempel's day-to-day responsibilities and has the title of president and chief operating

officer. The two said that seven North American divisional weakness on the Tokyo stock | GM to accelerate changes needed to reduce costs.

Western German economy rebounds with 4% growth

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

HELMUT Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, has estimated that the western German economy has bounced back in the first quarter of 1992 with an annualised economic growth rate of 4 per cent.

The resumption of strong growth, although partly a reflection of the German statistical office's difficulties in making correct seasonal adjustments, underlines the roller-coaster nature of the German economy after unification and highlights continued inflationary pressures. After the recession in the past year, the economy is overheating again. On Thursday, the Bundes-

bank announced that money

March, overshooting the Bundesbank's target by almost 100 per cent.

There might be further bad

news today from the result of

the strike ballot in the public sector, after the collapse of pay talks. Professor Schlesinger, in Stuttgart yesterday, gave warning of a wage-price spi-ral resulting from present pay

and fiscal policies. He said: "If one considers how much we are under attack internationally at present, because high deficits have led to high interest rates and a restrictive monetary policy — from tomorrow the finance minister and I will be

confronted with that in Washington - then one wonders that local and district council continue to raise their expenditure by 9 per cent as if nothing had changed. Yet another leisure pool, yet another museum, yet another twinning arrangement with a town in Scotland or Portugal, and yet more 'official' tour-ism: all that goes on unperterbed. And every attempt to reduce the fringe benefits for public sector employees, even marginally, is

being rejected outright." Professor Schlesinger's unusally outspoken remarks reflect growing frustration within the Bundesbank.

Rise of militancy, page 8

Names form new action group

By JONATHAN PRYNN

A SECOND action group has been formed by Lloyd's names on Merrett syndicate 417/418, which has more than 4,000 names stuck on its still-open 1985 year of account

The group is to be called the Merrett 417/418 1985 Alternative Names Action Group. The syndicate was left open in 1985 after losses increased on a number of runoff contracts written in 1982. The contracts were similar

to those underwritten by Richard Outhwaite, the losses on which ultimately led to this year's High Court action by almost 1,000 Outhwaite names. The new group is not

to be confused with the existing Merrett Syndicate 418 (1985) Action Group co-ordinated by Ken Lavery, a Canadian. That already claims more than 800 members but represents only names who joined the syndi-cate in 1984 and 1985.

They are arguing that the 1982 year should have been left open and that the names who were recruited to the syndicate during the following three years were simply used to dilute the losses.

The new group is open to all names trapped on the 1985 year regardless of when they joined the syndicate. It is provisionally chaired by Law-

rence Overend and is being advised by David Tiplady of the legal firm D J Freeman. In a letter posted to names earlier this week, Mr Overend said that the purpose of the group was to seek redress on the basis of the underwriters' actions and the resultant loss to the names.

He continued: "I am sure I need hardly remind you that the claim against the underwriter is not dissimilar to the

claim against Outhwaite." Mr Lavery is expected in London next week and the heads of the two groups are likely to meet to decide how best to co-ordinate their

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forte adds Balmoral to upmarket range

FORTE, the hotel and restaurant group, is pursuing its image-polishing by taking over the management of the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh. Although it has been better known for its Little Chef roadside restaurants and Trusthouse hotel chain. Forte has been more aggressively promoting its upmarket establishments, such as the Georges V in Paris, the Ritz in Madrid and the Waldorf in London.

Forte has nine hotels in Scotland. The Balmoral has been hit by the general fall in hotel occupancy over the past two years but Rocco Forte, chief executive of Forte, said: "Our years but Rocco Forte, chief executive of Forte. international sales network and our worldwide reservations system will allow us to extract extra business." The Balmoral is privately owned, with 189 bedrooms, and has been extensively refurbished.

Broadside by Dowty

DOWTY Group, which is fighting a £518 million bid from TI Group, today posts its defence circular to shareholders, rejecting TI's contention that the two groups fit together. Dowty will also be defending its record against TI's charge that Dowty's margins have been unsatisfactory. Dowty said TI's terms of 4-for-15, with a cash alternative of 174.67p a share, significantly undervalued the group's potential. Dowty's shares were unchanged at 177p, as were TI's at 669p.

Ifico deeper in red IFICO, the commercial insurance broker, plunged deeper

into the red in the six months to December and has been into the red in the six months to December and has been forced to write off £4.4 million on the sale of two unprofitable subsidiaries. FMW and MBIA. Pre-tax losses rose from £240,000 to £411,000. Ifico now has shell status, but acquisitions are planned. Nycal, the American oil and gas group, acquired rights over about 53 per cent of Ifico's shares last month, and appeared ready to launch a bid. The company has extended its ontion over the rights uptil Max. company has extended its option over the rights until May 1.

Acorn back in profit

ACORN Computer, the USM microcomputer maker controlled by Olivetti of Italy, returned to profitability in the second half of last year. After a first-half loss, it suffered a fall in pre-tax profits to £274,000 for the year, against £1.58 million last time. Earnings per share dropped to 0.4p (2.4p). Once again, there is no dividend. Reduced spending in the consumer market and destocking led to a decline in turnover to £40.9 million (£45.5 million). Sam Wauchope. Acom's managing director, said 1992 had started encouragingly.

Jourdan pegs payout

THOMAS Jourdan, whose interests include trouser presses and bedroom furniture, is maintaining its final dividend despite incurring full-year losses as a lack of consumer spending took its toll. The company, which suffered a firsthalf loss of £595,000, reports a pre-tax loss of £519,000 in the year to end-December, against a profit of £1.21 million last time. The final dividend is 1p. giving a reduced total for the year of 1.5p (2.5p). There is a 1.47p loss per share, against earnings of 5.92p last time. Shares firmed 2p to 28p.

Reed chief's salary cut

ALEC Reed, the chairman of Reed Executive, the employment agency, has taken a 42 per cent cut in salary amid deepening losses. He has reduced his salary from £144,000 to £80,000 as losses before tax increase to £5.6 million for the 39 weeks to December 29, compared with a loss of E798,000 in the year to March 1991. Ten branches in London and its suburbs have been closed at a cost of £1.2 million and £119,000 was spent on redundancies. There is no dividend. Mr Reed took a 14 per cent salary cut last June.

Five Oaks cuts losses

FIVE Oaks Investments, the property company, has reduced interim pre-tax losses from £7.9 million to £371,000 for the six months to end-December. The previous year's figure included an £8.3 million property writedown. Rental income increased 5 per cent to £1.6 million and interest cover rose increased 5. from 0.93 to 1.2 times. Debt was reduced by more than £2 million and net assets per share were almost unchanged at 42p. The company has gained approval for a writedown of the share premium account.

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New-look McKechnie waits for upturn

THE McKechnie group has done wonders for its investment image by moving out of metals and into plastics. thereby shedding the tag of a metal-hasher

Now it has to wait for the economic recovery to bloom and give organic profits a kick.

Tough conditions in its three main markets — Britain, America and Australia – did not make the six months to end-January a particularly star-tling period, and pre-interest profits fell by 18 per

Stripping out non-recur-ring items, the pre-interest slide was confined to an 8 per cent setback.

However, the impact of earlier disposals, tougher management at the Australian operations and the positive influence of lower debt combined to help knock the net interest charge back from £2.89 million to a modest £323.000, thus allowing McKechnie to turn out higher pre-tax profits of £10.6 million {£10.46

Gearing stood at 6.9 per cent at January 31, down from 29.4 per cent 12 months earlier. However, a £4 million capital expenditure programme involving three new factories in Britain could see gearing rising modestly.

There are mixed views as to just how sensitive McKechnie might be to an economic uptum. Some argue that the group will be one of the

earliest candidates to benefit when general economic conditions are stronger. Others suggest that McKechnie will only follow

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Consumer markets that are served by plastic prod-ucts are not that much different to markets that are served by metal products. Whatever the truth, McKechnie shares trade be-

tween a 10 and 15 per cent Profits in the second-half should be stronger than in the first, with real progress becoming evident in 1993. and pre-tax profits this year could reach £24 million.

At 345p, up 7p, the shares are on a prospective 16.6 times. The 5.7 per cent yield is, however, the more immediate reason for holding on.

Central TV

IT DOES not take an Inspector Morse to work out what the market sees in Central Independent Television shares.

The company paid just £2,000 for its franchise. which combined with a swingeing round of cost cutting, has created the most efficient money-making machine in the sector. Pre-tax profits last year

rose 28 per cent to £24.4 million during a period when advertising revenue fell I per cent to £229.7 million. The dividend was increased by 7 per cent to 30.5p. Operating costs. excluding the ITC rental and Channel 4 subscription charges, fell by an extraordinary 29 per cent to £62.8 million, so any increases in advertising revenue - and analysts are expecting up-lifts of 6 to 8 per cent this year — will flow straight to the bottom line.

Profit forecasts are in the range of £38 to £42 million, giving earnings of up to 97p



Looking ahead: Leslie Hill, head of Central TV

and putting the shares on a multiple in the mid-teens. The p/e ratio could fall to about 13 times in 1993 when profits may reach £45 million.

Despite outperformance of 132 per cent over the past 12 months even forecasters at the bottom end of the range continue to rate the shares a buy. The attraction is not just the cash generative qualities of the stock but also the prospect of takeover warfare after 1994. The strengths of the stock

mean that Central will make a juicy, if expensive, bid target for overseas media giants or will expand by acquisition itself, perhaps into the Anglia region. Ac-quisition ambitions on the Continent may be curbed by restrictions in some EC countries, a point that Leslie Hill, chairman and chief executive, has made forcefully to David Mellor, the natio-

nal heritage secretary.

The bid opportunities after 1993, combined with the strategic and operating advantages of the company. make this an attractive and, compared with STV, still not overvalued stock.

Lamont

LAMONT Holdings, the Northern Ireland textiles group, is making a timely acquisition of Alexander Drew Sons, involved in commission printing, for up to £18.4 million.

To help fund the initial consideration of £16.4 million, Lamont is asking shareholders for £15.9 mil-lion, through a one-for-four rights issue at 280p a share. With the shares closing II p lower at 339p, the theoreti-cal ex-rights price is 327.2p.

Alexander made operating profits of £5.2 million in the year to end-January, on turnover of £14.6 million and net assets of £7.8 million. Lamont is also taking on 17.4 million of borrow-ings, but positive cash flow should wipe out gearing within a few years. Lamont also announced a

19 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £8.11 million in the year to end-December. Turnover was static at £109 million, although this includes £20 million from a full year's contribution from Bonded Fibre Fabric, against nine months pre-viously. The closure of the group's computer mainte-nance operation led to an extraordinary charge of £191,000. Earnings slip to 23.21p (28.11p). The final dividend is held at 8.5p. giving an unchanged 12p.

Analysts expect £13.1 million pre-tax this year, for earnings per share of 32p and 10.8 prospective earnings, a discount of about 22 per cent to the market.

The acquisition is on a multiple of 6.3 times and should enhance earnings. The shares look cheap and the rights should be taken up. But it is worth remembering that Lamont's activities are housing-re-lated and will be influenced by evidence of an improvement in housing starts.

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It is early yet. But if Tra management so much as mutters the word "synergy". or long forgotten but once highly fashionable phrases such as "enhancing share-holder value", it will be a sure sign that business is marching forward towards the good old days.

There were other straws in the week's winds to back my the thought. The battered old pound, which has languished for so long at the bostom of the ERM grid, suddenly began to sport characteristics reminiscent of the petropound days in Mrs T's first term. Then, seaside housely houses from Blackpool to Occupants decamped instead occupants decamped instead to Orlando, Miami or inc Angeles as a pound worth

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complex restructuring of its \$12

billion debt was not a success, they picked up the telephone and summoned James D. Wolfensohn.

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nance business — fee income \$75 million — is based, his clients read like a Who's Who of the most blue chip of American corporations. The name of James D. Wolfensohn is not new to them. Nor is it new in the upper echelons of informed City circles in London. Wolfensohn never name drops, but he remains on close personal terms with the likes of Lord Rothschild, Sir David Scholey, the Warburg chairman, and Andrew Knight, chairman of News

International. He 'In ten years, I was once the protege of Lord Richhaven't looked ardson of Duntisbourne, a former at our budgets governor of the Bank of England once. I'm far and now chairman of Morgan more interested Stanley Inter-national in the in creativity sixties. Richardand artistry son, according to marked Wolfen-

sohn to be his successor as chairman of J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank. He had spotted him when he was head of corporate finance at Darling & Co, an Australian bank, and brought him to London. Wolfensohn made it as far as chief executive and deputy chair-man, but the Schroder establishment closed ranks and blocked his

path to the top.
For although Wolfensohn, now 58, might have acquired establishment status — he is chairman and chief executive of Washington's John F Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts and a past chairman of the Carnegie Hall - he was certainly not born with it. The acquisition of that status has, like many an immigrant before him, been his life's work. He was born into a lower middle class Jewish family in Sydney, his parents immigrants from London. His father was a "moderately successful" business consultant and home was a small suburban flat. He attended state schools, Sydney University, and then became a

lawyer with a local firm.
"No there wasn't much money, but my parents were anxious to support me in every way they could," Wolfensohn recalls, "My father was very intellectual, and determined that I should finish my education since his was interrupted by the war. My mother was

tremendously interested in the arts. She could paint and sing."
Wolfensohn was "pudgy, a very fat little boy, I was indulged by my parents, spoilt probably, and I ate far too much chocolate". Yet despite the picture he paints.—of a despite the picture he paints — of a rotunde child giving passionate renditions of Buttercup — he made it into the 1956 Australian Olympic fencing team and went to university at 15, two years before his

peers. "I was so out of it, socially and emotionally, that I failed every thing in the first year. When I left, the vice-chancellor said I was the laziest person to go ersity." It was not until several years later, when an American antitrust lawyer, on an assignment in

Sydney, admonished Wolfensohn over his igno-rance of balance sheets with the taunt that he should go to Harvard, that he unleashed his extraordinary drive. Wolfensohn filled in the application form that night and, six

months later, he was in Boston.
"I didn't have any money to get
there so I hitch-hiked a ride on an air force plane." He cold-called the minister for air and talked his way on to a London-bound Hastings jet. An uncle paid his onward fare to America. Once there, he worked his way through Harvard by running its laundry.

"Money doesn't matter at all now, but it was terribly important in the beginning because I wanted to get a base. I always wanted to have \$100,000 because I knew



Flying partners: James Wolfensohn often persuades Elaine, his wife, to travel with him in his private plane

that then no one could ever hurt me. I wanted the kids to have \$100,000 too and that, for many years, was my goal. It was a sort of magical figure in my head. I have been very lucky - I've made a few dollars more than that."

Wolfensohn refuses to disclose his net worth. Sources in London, however, recall that after Schroders, he joined Salomon Brothers in New York, developed its fledgeling corporate finance di-vision and then left, in 1981, to launch his own firm. As he departed he declared his intention to cash in his \$4 million equity stake. A timely reverse takeover by Phibro increased the value of his holding to \$14 million. Wolfen-sohn finally had the secure base he so desired. Since then, he has in-

creased his fortune considerably. His firm, James D. Wolfensohn Inc, now employs 45 professionals, including partners Paul Volcker, the former Federal Re-

serve chairman, and Steve Miller. the man photographed at Olym-pia & York press conferences this week. He has created an organisation that offers what he calls "an in-house investment banking service" to its clients, "advising them on strategy, financing, mergers and acquisitions and then im-

BUSINESS PROFILE: James Wolfensohn

The fix-it king everyone wants by his side

plementing them, but not getting into the financing itself". He has also launched a joint venture with Fuji Bank of Japan to bridge the void between Japanese and American companies and he is now launching a similar joint venture with Lord Rothschild — J Rothschild, Wolfensohn & Co -- to concentrate on "mergers and acquisitions and financial strategy in the EC and eastern Europe".

Bruno Schroder, a friend since Harvard, says: "He is totally unpompous, and he can slip into any level of society." Schroder quotes two lines from Rudyard Kipling's poem If. "If you can talk with

crowds and keep your virtue. Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch." "That whole poem is Jim," he says.

Schroder's reference to virtue is not made by chance. It is a quality always referred to when Wolfensohn's name is mentioned. He has steadfastly steered his firm away from the corrupting excesses of the eighties. Wolfensohn says: "That was not by chance but by design. I was offered all of those

Isaac Stern, the violinist and president of the Carnegie Hall, concurs: "Amid all the shenanigans on Wall Street, his office was known to be an absolutely clean and honourable place where people could go to get advice, given honestly and discreetly, and without a hand outstretched for profit." Wolfensohn explains: "I'm not in business to make the next dollar or do the next deal. In

ten years, I haven't looked at our

budgets once. I'm far more interested in creativity and anistry. His claim to be ignorant of bud-gets sounds boastful. It is as if he is not a businessman at all. And it is also as if his growing indifference to fee income has, ironically, fuelled his success.

Wolfensohn then explains that

he became an American citizen 12 years ago, when he was shortlisted to be president of the World Bank. That he is more likely to vote Democrat than Republican and that his one unfulfilled ambition is to be a concert cellist — although he has already given a concert in the Carnegie Hall — and that his daughter Sarah, the eldest of his three children, is a concert pianist.

When it comes to religion, Wolfensohn says he is "traditionally Jewish — I observe holidays and try to keep a traditional life at home". Yet because of his dual career, in business and the arts, he can have little time for domestic

life. He spends two days and three nights a week in Washington, running the Kennedy Centre. The rest of the week he is in New York, or travelling abroad. The journey, for which he uses his private plane, from his Fifth Avenue apartment to the Kennedy Centre, takes oneand-a-half hours. "A plane is not a status symbol to me, it is a working tool." He often persuades Elaine, hi

American wife, to travel with him. Their 12-roomed apartment on Fifth Avenue is supplemented by a cottage in up-state New York -- "a small bungalow, 40 miles from New York in a working class bohe-mian area" — and a third home, "our retirement home," being built in Jacksonhole. Wyoming.

e hesitates before using the word retirement. " hate that word because if I did nothing I would go crazy." But as he speaks about his exhaustion he sounds convincing. He says that his wife and children want him to slow down or to take a six-month sabbatical. More objective observers, how-ever, scoff at this suggestion. "He's been saying that for years, each time he gets to the top of the next mountain," says Andrew Knight. "I don't know what drives him. I suppose it's recognition."

Wolfensohn would not disagree. Last year, at the end of his 12-year stint as chairman of the Carnegie Hall, during which time he helped raise \$60 million to rebuild and extend its buildings. Stern surprised him by naming a new wing "the Wolfensohn Wing". Wolfensohn was reduced, publicly, to tears. "I felt enormously privileged because I had had a chance to come from Australia and make an indelible contribution to the life of New York, just as I am now trying to do in Washington."
That recognition seems to have

had a more profound affect than mere tears. "I think I've got it in perspective now, I think I've actually found where I am," he says slowly. "A lot of the insecurities that goaded me in the beginning have gone. I wanted to do these things in my own way, to prove something to myself."

Despite or because of those insecurities, Wolfensohn is clear that his immigrant status helped. "I am an immigrant and that is very important. As an immigrant you have to create an ambience around yourself. It also means, however, that you are not bound into any pre-ordained style. If you are poured into something, with a pre-ordained requirement to go into a family firm, or a certain profession, then that freedom is denied. That is why I feel so privileged.'

WEEK ENDING

John Bell

Industry marches on to the good old days

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ployer, Dowty Group, found itself the target of a hostile takeover from TI Group. Then, the sprawling ICI fi-bres plant on the outskirts of town was caught up in a multinational swap of people and plant between two of the biggest chemicals companies in the world. Hank, Chuck and Virgil, who helped to make Du Pont's US acrylics businesses what they are toexchanged for ICI's Kevin, Ned and Bill, stalwarts of the fibres and plastics division.

Confusing maybe, unsettling certainly. But after the creeping paralysis that af-flicted the body corporate for months before election day. the earth tremor in Gloucester harks back to the high noon of Queen Margaret's reign, when even minor cap-tains of industry thought nothing of tilting at wind-

It is early yet. But if TI's management so much as mutters the word "synergy". or long forgotten but once highly fashionable phrases such as "enhancing shareholder value", it will be a sure sign that business is marching forward towards the good old days.

There were other straws in the week's winds to back up the thought. The battered old pound, which has languished for so long at the bottom of the ERM grid, suddenly began to sport characteristics reminiscent of the petropound days in Mrs T's first term. Then, seaside boarding houses from Blackpool to Brighton emptied and their occupants decamped instead to Orlando, Miami or Los Angeles as a pound worth \$2.40 (yes, two) made America interesting and afford-

This week, sterling stagtom, overtaking even the eastern suitor for the hand of

French franc. It might be premature to pull out the holiday brochures, though, as the shine on sterling was as much a reflection of local difficulties in Frankfurt as a

new order in London. The ins and outs of this have eluded many of the less cerebral media, where the knee-jerk precedes solid footwork. Cries of "lower interest rates any day" fail to recognise that sterling is strong



precisely because interest rates will remain unchanged at least until July, when John Major assumes the EC presidency with a formal leap into the narrow band of the ERM grid.

The banking world, too, looks suspiciously similar to the early 1980s, with Hongkong Bank attempting a British takeover (sorry, merg-er) to a chorus of fierce noises

Sir Jeremy Morse, the outgoing chairman of Lloyds Bank, at last confirmed what had been well leaked ahead of his annual shareholders' meeting. Lloyds is poised to shoot Hongkong Bank's fox. Midland, he indicated. But first Midland shareholders must vote for cannibalisation under Lloyds rather than a partnership with Hongkong.

Last time round, the Old Lady in Threadneedle Street gered from the bottom of the ERM pile to third from bot-by the attentions of a far Scotland's Royal Bank and the rival suit from Standard Chartered that it provoked. The expatriate Scotsmen who now, as then, run Hong-

kong Bank are these days on a wicket much more to Robin Leigh-Pemberton's liking. Ten years ago, the Governor's displeasure at the pros-pect of an overseas bank taking a sizeable stake in Britain was ignored by the men from Hongkong. Now they say they will domicile here and submit to the regu-latory wishes of Threadneedle Street.

But before the austere, intellectual Sir Jeremy throws his hat into the ring, he will doubtless weigh the facts carefully. Mr Leigh-Pemberton, or his superiors at the other end of town, may faint away at the prospect of the big four banks becoming three, with 20,000 jobs lost and every high street won-dering whether its Lloyds or Midland branch will be the one to close.

The current governor can, just like his predecessor, scupper everything through a damning presentation to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

It was also comforting for nostalgia lovers to see the economic forcasters back to their old soothing ways. Most have cheerfully forecast seven of the past two economic recoveries. After all, what's a mere blip or three between econometric modellers?

This time, the British Chambers of Commerce rummaged through the thick layer of fertilizer engulfing most of the commercial world and found some green shoots poking up in service industries. The service sector resumed growth for the first time in nearly two years, the chambers discovered, even before pre-election blight had fully run its course. The shoots are fragile, though. The chambers see unemployment rising a while yet. In Gloncester, they must be hoping that multination-

als and synergists have other

EC motor 'pact' with Japan is in doubt

THE EC Commission's accord with Tokyo restricting 1992 imports of Japanese cars into Europe was thrown into doubt yesterday. Japanese sources in Brussels claimed that no figures had been agreed.

The confusion that followed a confident commission announcement on Thursday recalled other re-"agreements". Three weeks ago, the commission insisted that a deal had been forged with America on subsidies to Airbus. Since then, however. American negotiators have refused to sign

anything.
On Thursday night, the commission said Japanese direct car exports to the Community would fall by 5 per cent this year, to around 1.19 million cars. Yesterday a spokesman said the figure was 6 per cent, and EC sources said Japan had agreed to a definite reduction bv 75.000 cars.

However, both the percentage and the numbers were denied by Japanese officials in Brussels Transplant cars, such as

those made by Nissan at Sunderland, are not affected by the negotiations. Trans-plant sales will probably rise to about 325,000 cars this year from 310,000 in 1991. TOM WALKER Brussels

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Tony Ryan made a rare

venture into the public domain, when he addressed the annual gathering of Ireland's business leaders in Killarney. In between quoting Joyce, he told the story of GPA, the world's largest aircraft leasing company, which he created

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STOCK MARKET

Bid talk sends Lasmo climbing

exploration group, climbed 26p to 233p and the market went on bid alert amid talk that the hunter may soon become the hunted. Stories circulating in the Square Mile suggested that Elf Aquitaine, the French state-owned oil group, or its rival, Total, may be considering a bid from the other side of the Channel.

Elf has already expressed an interest in British oil companies and bought a 25 per cent holding in Enterprise Oil a few years ago. Dealers thought that the purchase of the holding was the prelude to a bid, but Elf sold it after ICI acquired a similar-sized holding.

Yesterday's talk of a bid started on the traded options market, where investors were paying heavily for the call in the May and August series. A total of 2,000 options were completed, equivalent to 2 million shares. The speculators said that Lasmo had become vulnerable to a bid after last year's £1.2 billion acquisition of Ultramar. Its share price has fallen from about 330p and reached a low of

179p recently. However, some dealers were anxious to play down the bid talk, claiming that the buoyancy in the share price was in anticipation of the sale of its Wilmington refinery in California, which it acquired with Ultramar. Analysts calculate that Wilmington could

and £400 million. The rest of the oil sector enjoyed selective support as the latest round of Opec talks began in Geneva. There were gains for Burmah, 6p to 588p, Enterprise Oil, 10p to 402p, and Goal Petroleum, 2p to 57p.

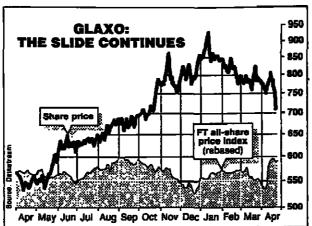
Elsewhere, share prices ended the three-week election account on a firm note, with the FT-SE 100 index putting in a late rise to finish at its best of the day — 33.2 points higher at 2,643. The rise in the index for the account is 260.3 points. Turnover was a healthy 628 million shares as investors continued squaringup their positions.

Government securities were left with falls of E 2 at the longer end as investors con-

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, slipped 2p to 194p as it announced plans to merge its two quoted Canadian food subsidiaries, Maple Leaf and Corporate
Foods. A line of 3.5 million shares went through the market at 195p. The shares go ex-dividend in a couple

tinued to ponder Germany's economic problems, which could delay the prospect of an early cut in British interest

Dealers reported incomebuying by some institutions, with a large number of companies due to go ex-dividend



on Monday. These included British Gas, up Sp at 275p.
T&N, unchanged at 134p.
Taylor Woodrow. 2p easier
at 128p, General Accident, 6p better at 472p, Amec, 6p harder at 176p, Laird Group, 17p higher at 314p, Morgan Crucible, 3p dearer at 301p, and Ocean Group, 5p better at 347v.

The pharmaceuticals sector remained in the doldrums as American investors, fearing the prospect of a congressional investigation into drug prices, continued switching to shares in the cyclical industries. Shares in British drug companies have been sliding for much of this week, worried by the situation on the other side of the Atlantic.

City fund managers spent most of last year increasing their weighting in the sector and they are now worried that it has reached its peak and

that the years of growth are now over. There were losses for Glaxo, which is the big-gest company in the FT-SE index and which was one of the heaviest casualties of the week's fall, with the price losing another 7p at 721p, a loss on the week of 67p, Fisons, 2p to 356. Macarthy, 7p to 361p, and Medeva, 10p to 228p. Only Smith-Kline Beecham A shares

ation of Thursday's firstquarter figures. Persistent hopes of a counterbid supported Midland Bank, which ended 8p higher at 375p. The board of rival Lloyds met for talks yesterday to consider whether to top the £3.1 billion agreed offer from the Hongkong and Shanghai

made headway, rising 28p to

827p on further consider-

The Bank of Scotland, 2p firmer at 118p, denied sug-

Lloyds about acquiring surplus high street branches should any counterbid by it succeed.

Lloyds Bank finished 22p higher at 424p as some speculators took the view that the group may now be having second thoughts about making an agressive bid.

A downgrading of its longterm debt rating this week appears to have made little impression on Barclays Bank which finished 19p better at

National Westminster was also a firm market, climbing 4p to 335p, along with Standard Chartered, 11p up at 479p, and the Royal Bank of tland 2p dearer at 183p. Bid target Dowty was un-

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, was a big buyer of Vickers, 9p better at 163p, despite the news this week that the group had failed to agree a price for the sale of Rolls-Royce. Henderson is now looking for a recovery at Rolls-Royce in the second half, helped by a lower cost

changed at 177p. Earlier this week it received a long await-ed offer from TI Group, steady at 669p, valuing the group at £518 million.

Tarmac, tipped by some as the next takeover target, hardened 9p to 157p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Inflation edges up in EC

AVERAGE inflation in the European Community crept up to 4.8 per cent in the year to the end of March from 4.7 per cent in the 12 months to the end of February. Eurostat, the EC statistics office, said. Consumer prices rose by an average of 0.4 per cent in the EC during the month of March.

Greece topped the national price-rise league with a 2 per cent rise in consumer prices - mainly attributed to a 9.4 per cent increase in clothing and footwear prices and a 4.9 per cent rise for durable goods. France and Britain registered the smallest increases, both had 4.3 per

Starquest win

Berry Starquest, a GT Management investment trust, re-ports a 26.5 per cent rise in net asset value a share to 181.2p for the 12 months to January 31. The trust has won the one-year performance award for UK capital growth trusts presented by Micropal. A dividend of 2p (1.8p) is being paid for the

Holt advances

Joseph Holt, the independent brewer based in Manchester, lifted pre-tax profits from £5.7 million to £6.4 million last year. A final dividend of 26p (23p) makes 35p (31p) for the year. The shares slipped 25p

Clayton's loss Clayton, Son & Co (Holdings) has cut its final dividend after

a pre-tax loss of £490,626 last year, compared with a £543,023 profit. The final is 3p (9.3p), making 3p (11.8p). Ramco dives

Ramco Oil Services, the Aberdeen oilfield pipe-cleaning specialist, saw pre-tax profits haive last year, from £1.1 million to £526,000. Earnings per share fell to 2.39p (3.96p) and the dividend remains at 2p.

Downiebrae cut Downiebrae Holdings is halving its single dividend to

0.5p after pre-tax profits de-

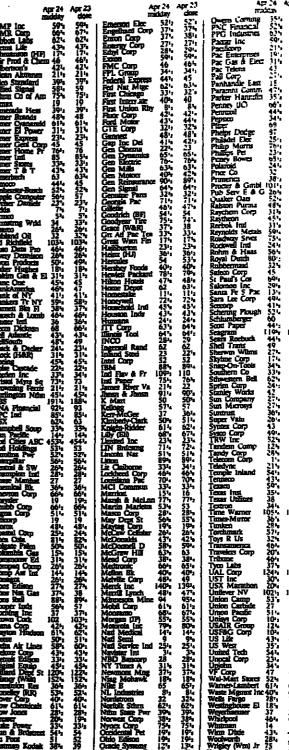
WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips drifted lower in mid-morning after moving mildly higher at the start. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 4 points to 3,344.61 after risng to 3,361.

A one-point drop in General Motors, a member of the Dow average, after a delayed opening "took the steam out of the average," said Ron Doran, the chief of institu-

tional trading at C.L. King. ☐ Tokyo - Shares bounced back from early losses to close near their day's highs. The Nikkei index rose 140 4 points, or 0.81 per cent, to 17,542.45.

☐ Hong Kong -- The Hang Seng index closed at another record, but profit-taking pushed prices down from their highs. The index rose 42.39 to 5.330 17. (Reuter)



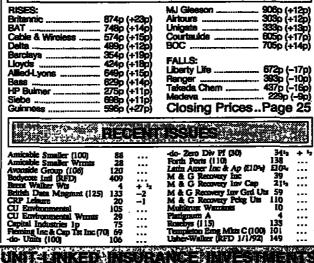
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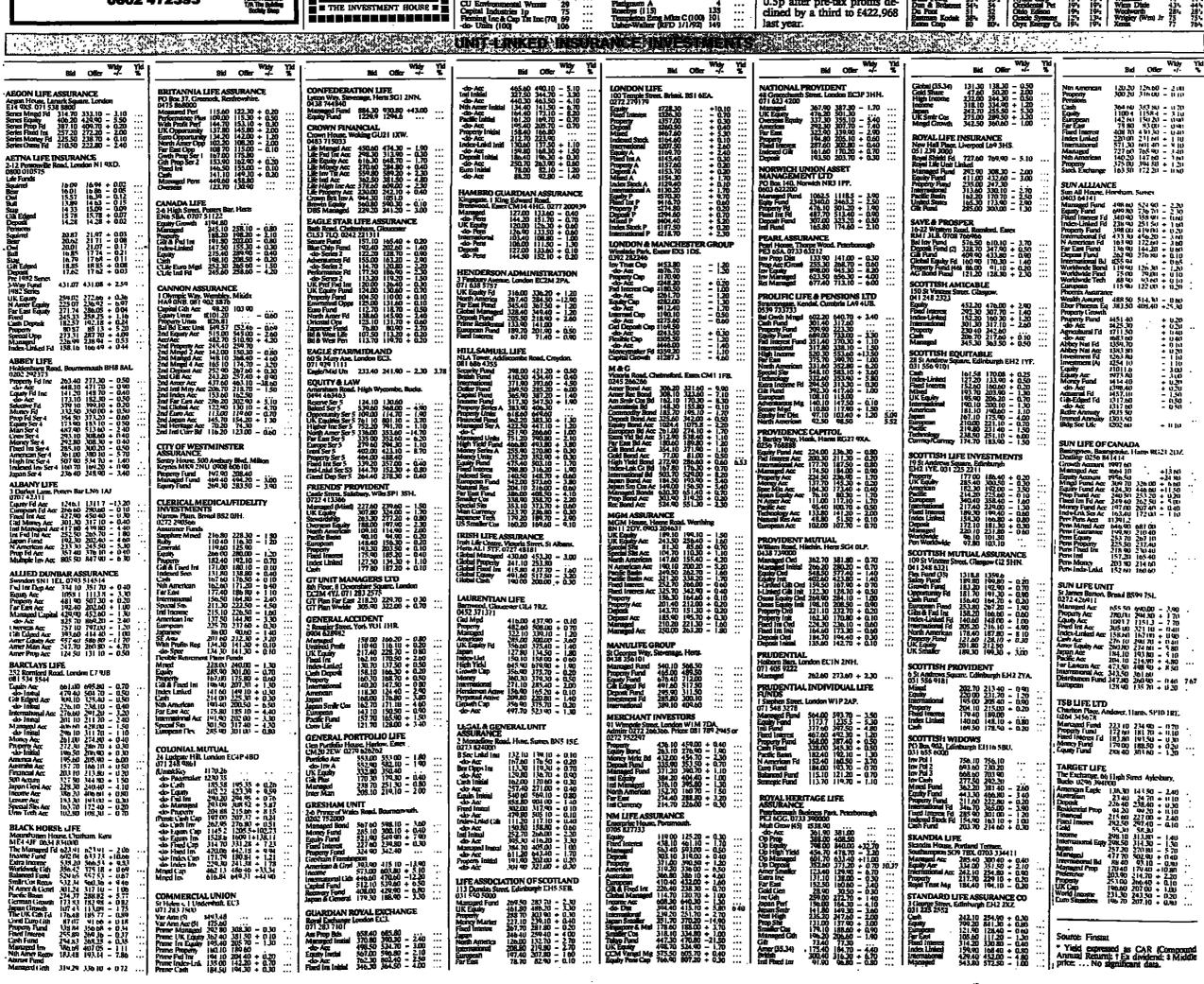
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his week was meant to bring better news about the housing market. The election is over, and won by the Conservatives who, many believed, would cut interest rates almost immediately. That would help to stimulate a housing market that would be raring to go as people poured into estate agents over the Easter weekend. Sunny weather

was meant to engender similar feelings in the breasts of provisional buyers, hired by cutprice offers for first-time buyers and fixed-rate mortgages for all. In many parts of the country, people did spend some of the break sizing up the local market, although, in the words of one estate agent. Easter weekend was estate agent, Easter weekend was "quiet". But there is still little signof enthusiasm or commitment to buy. As the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors pointed out this week, "a change in individual circumstances, through a fall in unemployment rates for example, will be essential to effect any sub-stantial change in the market". Unemployment is still high,

All quiet on the housing front and many homeowners, who

would have taken the chance of buying into a cheap housing market in better times, hang back for fear of taking on a large commitment. The Conservatives' unwilling-

ness to take advantage of postelection euphoria and cut rates has not helped. Borrowers have said that lower interest rates would be the single most important factor in encouraging them to take out a mortgage. Even if half a point is shaved off the rate later, it might not be enough. Lenders say that they might need a full point cut in rates, but nothing is now likely to materialise before the summer, when the peak spring buying period is past, and buyers have abandoned the property market for the beach.

This week also brought a reminder, if any were needed, of the large number of borrowers



COMMENT

SARA McCONNELL PERSONAL FINANCE WRITER

whose mortgages are higher than the value of their properties. The Council of Mortgage Lenders said that was true of more than 380.000 borrowers. Yesterday, UBS Phillips & Drew argued that the figure was nearer to a million, with 400,000 first-time buyers in this position.

All these people are trapped in the homes they bought at the top of the market, in the boom years of the late 1980s. They cannot move because they will have no deposit for the next property, and could be pursued for the shortfall between the price fetched by their home

and the amount of mortgage still

These properties are part of a huge glut of homes, including repossessions, which will have to be sold before the housing depression lifts. Repossessions marked down for quick sales are having a serious dampening effect

on valuations.

Lenders hopefully report flurries of interest in housebuying as more people decide to see what is on offer and what bargains they can pick up. The RICS said it had detected movement at the bottom of the market. These could well

increase now the election is over. But these flurries will have to translate into signatures on completed mortgage advances before they have a significant impact on the market. The sooner the government creates the right conditions for a cut in interest rates, the better.

Precious paper

ome customers of the Abbey National may have accidentally thrown away one of the most significant pieces of information they have received from the bank for some time. When it sent out annual statements of interest on current accounts for tax purposes this week. Abbey enclosed a leaflet showing interest rates on all its accounts, both monthly and annual, and for the first time it has

included all interest rates on obsolete accounts.

Unfortunately, the leaflet was not mentioned in the covering letter and as the leaflet was printed on the same paper as the tax deduction certificate, many people could be forgiven for thinking that it was just more junk mail.

The information in the leaflet is important for two reasons. First, many people may not realise that they have an obsolete account, particularly if they do not visit their branch very often. They might not know that they can get a better rate on the same amount of money with a similar notice

Second, the leaflet offers an at-a-glance comparison of all the rates at different levels and lets savers make an informed choice.

Building societies and banks have learnt, sometimes to their cost, that customers want to know whether they can get a better rate on their savings. That is, after all, one of the points of saving in the first place. Abbey has responded

Who should pay the price of failure? Sara McConnell reports

Investors face burden of funding financial shield

REGULATORS will start a comprehensive review of the funding of the Investors Compensation Scheme next week. It looks almost certain to result in higher premiums or larger deductions from investments to pay for the costs of the scheme in the year to April 1993 and beyond.

Initial costs of paying com-pensation last year amounted to £26.5 million, but the ICS estimates that the final cost could be as much as £37 million. This includes administration and running costs as well as claims. The figure of £37 million for 1991-2 is hotly contested by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), which says it could be lower.

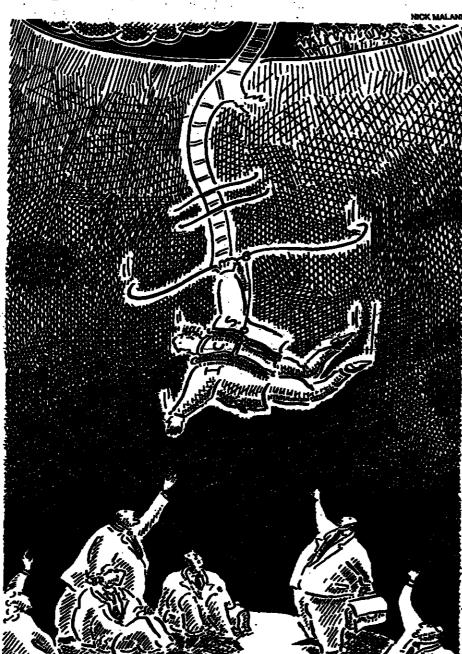
In fact, no one knows the final cost yet, because claims are still coming in from inves-tors in several firms declared in default last year, and it is likely to take several months for the ICS to process and

1988, set up to pay a maximum of £48,000 per claimant, costs have escalated rapidly, more than doubling between 1991 and 1992. There is no reason to believe they will fall in 1992-3, and already there are firms in the pipeline which are set to be declared in default in this year. The ICS has to declare firms in default before claims can be assessed.

Added to this, insurance taken out to cover claims of between £25 million and £100 million has not been renewed after it ran out at the end of last month because the ICS could not find cover at an acceptable premium. Insurance will pay out on claims above £25 million in 1991-2. Regulators, who have to pay for the scheme through a levy, are urgently asking how compensation claims can be paid for in future, and are likely to conclude that investors must foot more of the bill.

Investors already indirectly pay for the compensation pass the cost on to them, normally as a portion of expenses deducted from their investment, accounted for under a blanket heading of "expenses". However, the working party on the future funding of the scheme, which meets for the first time next week, is likely to suggest that investors will have to meet a larger proportion of the cost. perhaps through a product

Godfrey Jillings, chief executive of Fimbra, which regulates independent financial advisers, is keen on the idea of would also mean any costs a product levy, particularly



because financial advisers are normally paid on commission and cannot hand on the costs of compensation to their clients. "The costs of a product levy are very small and insignificant. The cost of a fully funded scheme would per-haps be between 6p and 10p per£100 of product." However, these costs would rise with the cost of claims.

Julia Liesching, chief policy and administration officer at the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organis-ation, which regulates the marketing activities of life offices and unit trust companies, said: "Investors should bear the cost of compensation, directly as a policy-holder, or as a shareholder through lower dividends." The loss of insurance cover to be met ultimately by investors, she said.

Consumer groups said that the idea of a product levy was "fair". However, Jean Eaglesham, the Consumer Association's money policy manager, said: "We would be concerned if all the funding was done that way. It is a healthy discipline for companies to have to pay

The question of funding the compensation scheme is closely linked to the structure of the self-regulatory system. widely criticised as too complex for investors to understand and vulnerable to pressure from vested interests within the financial services industry. Last month, a report by Sir Kenneth Clucas proposed that there should be just one regulator for private above £25 million would have investors. A single regulator

should reduce the in-fighting about who will pay what. ICS has already indicated there will be a further levy on regulators to cover costs later

this year for 1991-2. These could be higher than even the ICS has suggested. At least three of the firms declared in default last year sold home income plans. where elderly people were encouraged to mortgage their homes and buy an investment bond which would pay the mortgage and have some in-

come left over. The press and television publicity surrounding companies selling these plans is likely to result in a large number of claims, but solicitors working on behalf of clients are still receiving instructions. Under ICS rules, investors have six months to

THE Investors' Compensa-tion Scheme is designed to protect individual investors who lose money when an investment adviser, manager or stockbroker goes under. Businesses may also be covered, but only in certain, clearly defined circumstances (Liz Dolan writes). Compensation is normally

limited to £48,000, although there is an absolute ceiling of £50,000. People owed up to £30,000 are reimbursed in full. Those who have lost more will be able to claim 90 per cent of the next £20,000. In a particularly bad year, total compensation paid by the scheme may be scaled down. This will only happen if compensation costs for a single year exceed £100

The terms of the scheme are contained in a booklet, published by the Securities and Investments Board*.

It is restricted to investments made after a certain date, which varies, depending on the nature of the claim. For instance, if a claim is made because of negligence on the part of the firm, investors are only covered for money lost after August 27 1988, the date when the scheme was set up. However, where compensation is due simply because a firm has gone into liquidation, the claim may be backdated to December 18

Scheme gives protection to individuals

1986, when the term "investment business" was first de-fined by the Financial Services Act.

This rather complicated structure was arrived at after a court case in January last year. Before then, the scheme had been reimbursing all losses, irrespective of when they were incurred, so long as the adviser was authorised.

The case had been brought

ies, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), which had pressed hard for all compensation to be limited to losses incurred either after April 1988, when authorisation of businesses

The scheme only covers in-

that has been fully authorised under the Financial Services Act. Investors who are in any doubt about a firm's status

register on 071-929 3652, or on Prestel. The types of activity covered by the act include life assurance, unit trusts, invest-

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tions. General insurance, such as motor policies, are exclued. So are bank and building society deposits and physical property dealings such as houses, land, gold began, or, even better, after coins and antiques. the date when the compensation scheme was set up.

If a firm is solvent when it goes into liquidation, investors will normally be reim-

bursed by the liquidator. However, if this is likely to take a long time, the scheme may pay the investor and then make its own claim on the liquidates. the liquidator.

Before a claim can be made, the directors of the scheme must have declared the firm "in default". Registered clients are then contacted and given the address of officials handling claims on the collapsed firm. Any subse-quent payment will be based on the value of investments on the date the firm is declared in default. This means that claimants could receive more, or less, than their original investment, depending on market movements.

The SIB says people will not be compensated for losses suffered through the normal risks of investment. For instance, people who follow advice to buy shares in a company that subsequently goes out of business are not normally protected.

Before the scheme started

investors with most firms would have been classed as unsecured creditors in the event of a default. This meant that they were near the back of the queue when any repayment from the firm's remain ing assets was made.

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money into what they believed were high-yielding deposit bonds from a company operating in the Isle of Man will not qualify for a payout from the Investors' Compensation Scheme if the company goes into liquidation, because the companies involved and their controller were not authorised under the Financial Services Act (Sara McConnell writes).

Investors are believed to have put a total of £2.5 million into bonds offered by Asset Management Ltd, an Isle of Man registered company. Investments were made through Financial Centres Ltd, based in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Both companies were controlled by Roger Shrubb. On Thursday this week, the Securities and Investments Boardand the Isle of Man's Financial Supervision Commission acted together to

THE 25 British investors who put money into what they believed were panies, restraining them from conducting investment business. The FSC has applied for provisional liquidation of Asset Management on public interest

Asset Management was offering capital deposit bonds. The five year bonds offered a high guaranteed yield of between 14 per cent and 15 per cent gross, and also guaranteed the return of the original capital. Sib said: "It appears that Mr Shrubb was inviting investors to put money into capital deposit bonds. It also appears that this money was invested in shares or made as loans to private companies and individuals known to Mr Shrubb."

It is not yet clear how much of this money will be recoverable. But if the company goes into liquidation, investors will not be able to claim on the

Investors' Compensation Scheme as this covers only authorised schemes, the ICS said.

Mr Shrubb was an appointed repre-sentative of Allied Dunbar from December 1987 to July 1991. Any Allied Dunbar life or pension plans bought through Mr Shrubb and put on risk in the normal way would be safe. However, it is not clear whether people believed they were putting money into an Allied Dunbar investment. Those who did might be able to argue for compensation from the company. Allied Dunbar said it was too early to comment.

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customers (Liz Dolan writes). At the annual meeting next asked to vote on a proposal to insure the society's direc-tors and officers against legal claims for "negligence, de-fault, breach of duty or breach of trust".

Basil Course, a Halifax customer, said: "I find it difficult to conceive of any change in the rules which could rate less in members' interests than this one. It is a free ticket to irresponsibility." Fellow member, Karen Firth, added: "Maybe I am missing the point here, but where is the incentive for the directors to take due care in performing their duties if they are to be insured

their incompetence? Stephen Cockroft, secretary to the society, is un- to the customers.

agree with this point of view. If we treat customers badly, we lose them. No customers means no business.

"We see ourselves as following the modern pattern in this. These days, we appear month, members will be to be importing the Ameri-asked to vote on a proposal can style of litigation. It's really only as a safeguard against cranks and activists. On balance, I think it's worthwhile. If we don't do it. it would only be one more thing to worry about."

The proposal was prompted by a change in the rules governing building societies, that came into force in January. Previously, societies could take out insurance on behalf of employees, but not directors and officers.

Alliance & Leicester's top brass have been covered since the day the new regulations came into force. So have those of the Woolwich. Huw Alderman, the secretary, said: "It doesn't absolve directors from responsibility

Barclaycard fee rises

By SARA McConnell

BARCLAYS is to increase the annual fee on its Barclaycard from £8 to £10 from this week. New cardholders will pay the higher fee immediately, while the majority of existing cardholders will be charged the extra £2 from the anniversary of their first fee payment.

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ster and Midland all charge a £12 annual fee for their cards.

Health plan to increase charges

By Liz Dotan

MEMBERS of private health schemes are likely to face further hefty premium rises this year. Roy Forman, managing director of Private Patients Plan, the second largest medical insurer, this week warned policyholders to expect "substantial" premium increases in July. This comes hard on the heels of rises of up to 36 per cent in January.

Mr Forman blamed a continuing escalation in claims. marketing and administration costs. He said that the health

insurance industry had been hit by an "unprecedentedly high" level of lapses in 1991, particularly in the second half. PPP suffered 128,500 lapses, three quarters of which came from company schemes that had either ceased trading altogether, or had severely cut back cover for employees. Two-thirds of the corporate lapses were small businesses hit by

The British United Provident Association also reports a proportionately higher level of policy cancellations among corporate clients than among individuals. Most were small companies going out of business. it says.

The downturn in the economy has also affected the level of cover provided for members of corporate health schemes. Some companies,



unable to face recent steep increases in premiums, are either trading down to cheaper policies, or changing their

insurers altogether. Employees who are forced to change to a different health pian may find that they are not covered for medical conditions that were included in the previous scheme, because they came to light after the old plan came into effect. Insurers vary in how they deal with these pre-existing

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Hollis, assistant manager, customer services, said that the workforce of a new client was always reassessed on an individual risk basis, however

large the company involved. Christopher Johnson, PPP strategic communications manager, said: "If companies switch to us from another insurer, we offer the choice of a 'no worse terms' basis. Nine out of ten take up the offer. The rest opt for exclusion of pre-existing conditions.

which keeps costs down." Peter Garrad-Cole, director of sales at Bupa, said that

companies transferring to a Bupa scheme were generally moved over on the same basis of cover, "although we reserve the right to underwrite where circumstances may have changed".

Norwich Union is one of the newest players in the healthcare market. David Cavers, managing director of NU Healthcare, said: "Large company schemes tend to be transferred on a 'no worse terms' basis ... No one is penalised for developing problems since joining the

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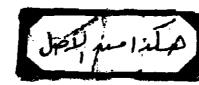
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WHILE many industries have stood still in the world's recessions, the march of technology has carried on. Unit trusts investing in technology stocks are once more nudging the top of the performance

This is a state of affairs not seen since 1983, in the heyday of the technology com-panies when the likes of IBM and Digital Equipment were growing rapidly and there were new companies springing up almost daily. It has been underscored by an 18month rally in technology stocks in America, the home of most technology companies.

But in volatile technology stocks even the recent past is an unreliable guide to future performance. Nevertheless, some investment managers predict that the rally is set to continue, despite a fall in US technology stocks over the last

month or so.
Michael Bourne, associate director of Prolific Asset Management and manager of the Prolific Technology Unit Trust, said: "Now you have recession on a worldwide basis, it is going to get much harder to make good money in blue chips, and so I think people are going to be souring around at technology."

The second half of the eighties was the era of the big blue chip, to the detriment of

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Enthusiastic: fund manager Michael Bourne

technology stocks. But now, even if America is pulling out of recession, the profits of big companies could lack lustre for some time while technology stocks prove more

Brian Ashford-Russell, who manages the SGTR Global Technology Fund, broadly agrees. He distinguishes between those stocks which are immune to the economic cycle and those which would benefit from any revival. He says the former are stocks in companies like medical equipment makers and lowprice computer software, and the latter semi-conductor and computer components manu-

facturers generally. He ex-

pects stock market returns of around 25 per cent from the former, but a few stocks in the latter category could double within 18 months if American recovery gathers strength.

At Save & Prosper, John Haynes, fund manager of the New Technology Fund, pre-dicts that smaller companies will do better than the industry's giants. "That is where you find the excitement and those companies will probably grow more quickly than the average," he said. The greatest potential now

is in the smaller, innovative technology companies which think up new products. These may be involved in comput-

robotics or a number of other areas. But this is a high-risk investment game because it often involves buying shares in a company just as it is By Liz Dolan developing its only product and selling it before a rival

starts to market a better one. A lack of appreciation of the risk, coupled with overoptimistic expectations for the computer industry, led to the technology boom of the early eighties. When the bubble burst, it took seven years for the stocks to perform well again, and the number of technology unit trusts roughly halved

But although technology stocks are back in favour, the funds are still volatile. Over March, the Hambrecht & Quist Growth Index, which measures the performance of technology stocks, fell more than 10 per cent in sterling terms, while the broad-based Standard & Poor's fell just over 2 per cent.

Disaster for us is a stock dropping 50 per cent in a day. Disaster for my colleagues (managing non-tech-nology funds) is a stock dropping 10 per cent," said Mr Ashford-Russell.

Although enthusiastic, Mr Bourne would not wish any-one to invest a lump sum in his fund today for fear of it falling sharply tomorrow. In-stead, he advises that any investment in a technology fund should be made on a regular basis over a set time.

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By SARA McConnell

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Survey points to lower bonuses

BONUSES on with-profit endowment and other investment schemes linked to insurance are likely to remain lower in the nineties than in the eighties if predictions about inflation prove correct, according to the president of the Faculty of Actuaries. In the foreword to the 1992 FPR With Profits Survey, out

this week, Alistair Neill says: It is suggested that entry into the European Community's exchange rate mechanism may give a lower rate of future inflation. This may also mean that nominal investment earnings in the UK will be lower in the nineties than in the eighties. If this happens, we can expect a period of lower reversionary bonus rates and lower terminal bonus rates."

The annual survey, put together by Clay & Partners, the actuarial firm, showed that last year's fall in withprofits returns continues this vear, especially for the shorter

ten and 15-year terms. Norwich Union, whose endowments are linked to, among others, Leeds Permanent mortgages, has made particularly savage cuts to bonus rates. This meant that the company fell several places in all four of the survey's performance tables for endowments, over 25, 20, 15 and ten years.

Over ten years, Commercial Union made the smallest reduction, 2.1 per cent, and NU the highest, 8.6 per cent. Over 15 years, NU was responsible for the largest cut, 8.6 per cent, while Friends Provident's return fell 0.5 per cent.

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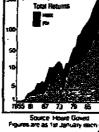
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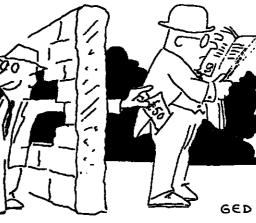
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Commission rates are too high

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Debit's delight

From Mrs C. A. Clark

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Sir, I have followed the letters in Weekend Money with in-terest. I have a Yorkshire Bank visa card and pay the amount owing every month by direct debit. I have a statement every month in the usual way and am thus notified of the amount to be debited. When taking out the card I was given the option of settling by cheque or direct debit and also could choose whether to pay minimum amount or settle in full. I chose the latter. The system works well and I do not see why other companies could not do likewise. The only disadvantage is that the direct debit is taken out about a week before settlement day. but as this is consistent, the intervals between payment remain regular. Yours faithfully, C. A. CLARK,

Manor View, Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

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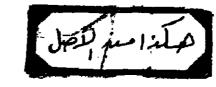
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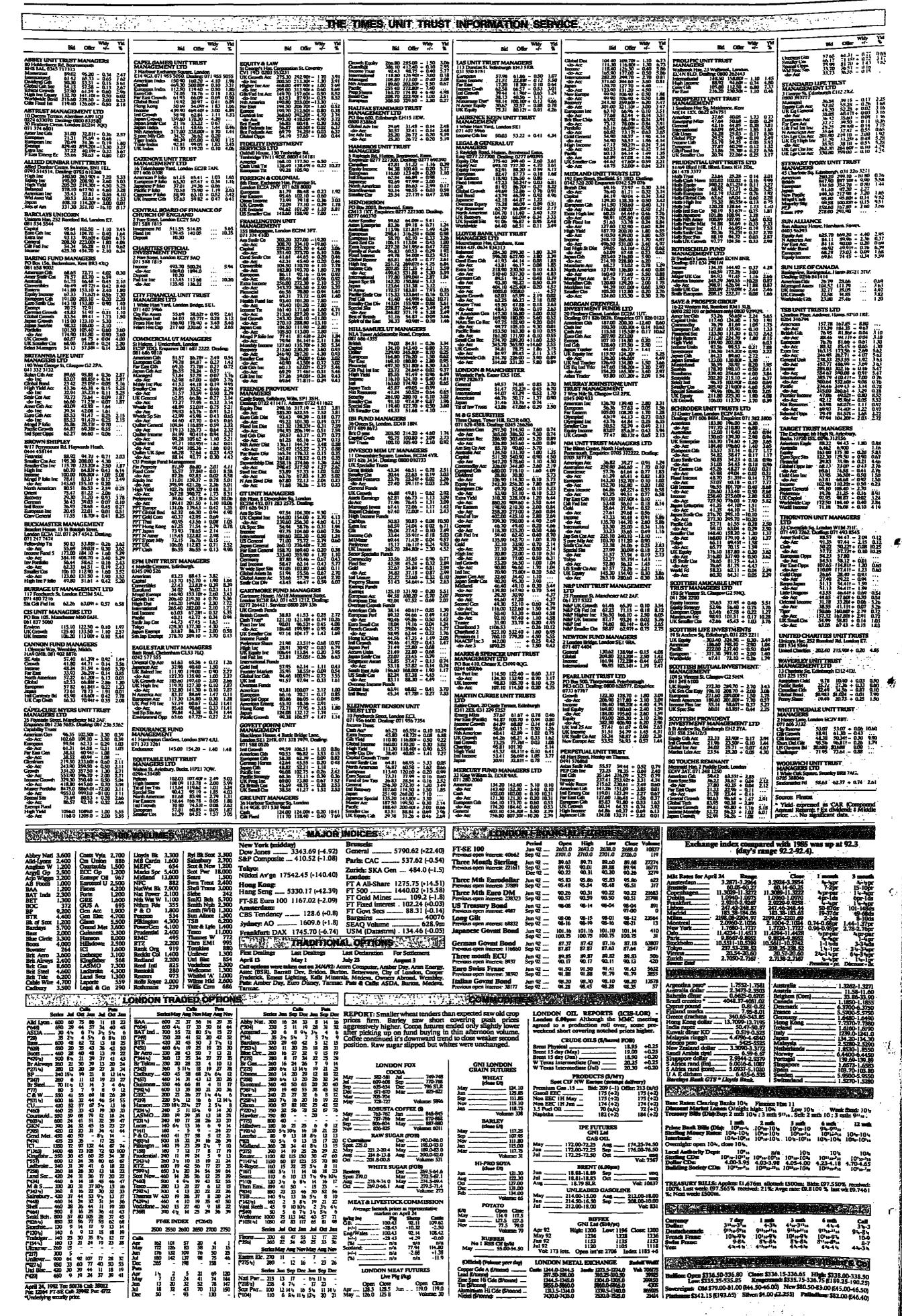
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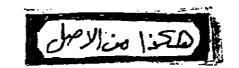
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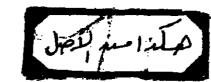
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Rugby union officials attempt to avoid embarrassment by covering all the angles on the deciding day of the league championship

Bath remain on course to take title for a third time

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HAVING learned from their experience of two years ago, when the league title was expected to be won at Nottingham but ended up at Sudbury, the Rugby Football Union is dispatching envoys to all relevant parts of the Courage Clubs Championship today. There will be trophies of one sort or another at Bath. Orrell and Northampton, and suitable dignitaries

The popular favourite for the uncommitted would be Orrell but the head suggests that Bath, the champions and leaders, will win the championship for the third time.

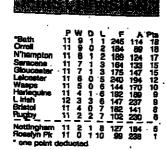
If they do so, by beating Saracens at the Recreation ground, it will almost certainly be without Jeremy Guscott, the England centre, who returned from New Zealand yesterday with a shoulder injury that will need rest if he is to play in the Pilkington Cup final against Harlequins next

If Northampton are to succeed, they need to beat Rosslyn Park with a XV reduced to half-strength by injuries — and both their rivals

Orrell need to make up a points difference of 36 on Bath and there has been nothing in their recent form to suggest such a haul against Nottingham.

For Nottingham, victory would mean first division salvation — but only if Rugby lose at Leicester. Alan Davies, the Wales coach, has been deeply involved with preparations at Beeston this week and the match could turn on how deep is Orrell's belief that the championship remains in

their grasp. They have beaten Bath this season — the only club to do so in competitive matches but know as well as anyone how deep-seated, and justified. Bath's self-confidence is.



"We deserve to win something every year because of the way we play our rugby and the way we dominate opposition," Andy Robinson, the Bath captain, said.

This is not bravado; this is hard fact, supported by deeds stretching back eight years. "It's up to us now," Robinson said. Two weeks ago, we were depending on the efforts of other teams to upset the clubs in front of us. "Wasps beat Orrell and

Nottingham beat Northampton so that we edged ahead. It is in our hands and I can guarantee there will be no freezing on the day." Saracens will be demand-

ing opponents. After losing three of their first four league games, they are unbeaten in the championship this year. They have taken the calcu-

lated risk of omitting the experience and expertise of Lee Adamson from the second row, in favour of Sam Domoni, but maybe the Fijian will be a talisman. He was part of the side that overran Bath in the final of the Toulouse Masters at the end of

Bristol, who will be disappointed to have hovered just above the relegation zone, will be without Paul Collings next

The flanker is going to live in Australia for a year and will play for Sydney University, the club whose main luminary is Nick Farr-Jones. the captain of Australia.



Reaching high: Buckton has laid his plans to keep Bath at full stretch today

Saracens intend to set a stiff final examination

MANY eyes will be on Saracens today. Not that they can challenge for league honours themselves, but they occupy a position as powerbrokers, for on their display at Bath may hang the Courage Clubs

That they cast such a long shadow may surprise outsid-ers, but not Saracens them-selves. Their target at the outset was a place in the top four, which is where they stand this morning. A by-product of their success has been a league position higher than any other London club and though that was not a specific ambition, it has pleased a club which, in the past two seasons, has lost players to both Wasps (Dean, Ryan) and Harlequins (Jason Leonard).
"Maybe it will help dispel

the myth of being an 'unfash-ionable' club,'' John Buckton, the Saracens capbuckton, the Saracens cap-tain these past two years, said. Buckton typifies his club; a talent which has not received undue recognition, though not through lack of trying by Geoff Cooke, the England team manager. whose hopes for Buckton were largely thwarted by a succession of injuries to the player — and the availability in England midfields of Carling, Ğuscott and Halliday.

Buckton, aged 30, must now content himself with his three caps and 13 England B appearances; he would also enjoy a win at Bath today. Not that the significance of the occasion has altered Saracens' preparations, which have been as thorough as usual; the videos have been studied, key areas of the opposition game analysed by Mark Evans, the assistant coach to John Davies, their own game refined.

"Even though we're a senior club we have something of a junior-club mentality in the way we enjoy playing with each other," Buckton said. "That started on our pre-season trip to Benidorm, when each player was taken to one side and spoken to as an individual by the coaching staff. The new players com-ing in were very impressed by the time and effort spent on them, by the help people like

Saracens, the north London club led by John Buckton, who meet Bath today, are talented but have rarely received due recognition. David Hands reports.

psychologist, have been able to offer and the back-up of our physiotherapists.

That has paid off, although it is our back row which has had all the press this season, quite rightly. Their tackling is phenomenal and they complement each other. Barry Crawley, in his first season of senion rugby, has been outstanding and we have been able to develop a game plan that we can modi-ty at need during a game helped a greal deal by the form of Ben Rudling at stand-off half, who has been an unsung hero."

Crawley succeeded Ben Clarke, the No. 8 now playing so well for Bath, but it is not Buckton's intention that Clarke and his colleagues should dictate the pace of the game."I know Jack Rowell [Bath's coach] from the Eng-land B set-up and he and his players will take nothing for granted," he said. "Bath's great strength has been their consistency, their ability to bring players in without dis-turbing the pattern of their play, and we have talked about the effect that 8,000 people packed into the Recreation Ground will have.

"But they have lived dan-gerously this season and maybe other teams are catching up with them. We are going there to win. we won i let them run all over us, we will take the game to them." ing there to win. We won't Buckton can think back to

the time, two years ago, when Bath came to Southgate as favourites and were beaten by a Sean Robinson conversion. That was the season when Wasps lifted the championship by beating, yes, Saracens on the last league Saturday while Gloucester were losing at Nottingham. So today's pos-ition is by no means unfamiliar, the league title has, once more, gone down to the wire and Saracens will keep the

Wellington when Brendan

Nasser, the Queensland

flanker, had his hand broken.

The ARFU has viewed tele-

vision replays of an incident

involving Nasser and an All

Black player ... and resolved to write to the NZRFU and

Swansea prefer to settle it swiftly

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA find themselves in the position of not necessarily having to win against Newport at Rodney Parade today to become the Heineken League champions.

They would prefer it if they did, however, rather than have to wait for another fortnight before the visit of Pontypool on the final Saturday of the championship.

Before then, they have to play Newport again in the Schweppes Cup semi-finals and would not be happy to do so with the title unresolved.

Against the Barbarians last Monday, for instance, to guard against picking up injuries for the match today. they included only one player from their regular first team. Clearly, they are nervous of these things, as well they might be.

To attempt to go for all the silverware the season has to offer in one week represents a classic sporting dilemma. Their season will be focused and concentrated into six days. Between cup and lip, as they say, all their efforts could

The old sporting adage that you are only as good as your last game ought to mean very little to Swansea. The Barbarians registered a half-century of points against them and. embarrassing though it was, it offers no guideline at all of what they are capable.

It is the pattern of the game before that they will want to pursue. Today, they are back to full strength with the same team that defeated Llanelli

Newport, on the other hand, are unable to field their best combination against them. Roger Bidgood, their international centre, is unfit; he is also likely to miss the cup

semi-final. Their other centres - Keith Orrell, who broke his toe against Cardiff in midweek, and Shaun McGauchie, who has hamstring problems — are also unavailable. Another casualty is Glen George, their

This is Newport's final league match. They are third from bottom and a win is not going to radically change their position.

Swansea will be aware that their four losses have been away from home. Only Llanelli are capable of overtak-ing the leaders and, although there are curious mathematical possibilities, they really need to win at Newbridge today and Bridgend on May 9 and for Swansea to falter twice.

TABLE

Courage championship First division

Bath v Saracens While Bath wait on Guscott's fitness, they will definitely be without the liqued Egerton, for whom Ojornoh plays on the flank. Saracens preter Domoni at lock and Andrews at tight-head prop as they try to extend their unbeaten run of league games to eight.

Bristol v Wasps

Bristol completely revise their back division, with Hull moving up to stand-off, Kitchin replacing the injured Davis at scrum half, Duggan moving to full back and Redrup returning from representative duty. Blackmore (lock) and Hilton (prop) Blackmore (lock) and Hilton (prop) have recovered from injury while Wasps play Defaney at hooker and retain Lozowski at stand-off.

Harlequins v Gloucester Harlequins restore Pears to full back and move Langhorn to lock, with Sheasby at No. 8. Moore rests

a groin strain and Kittick hooks against a Gloucester side missing only Phillips at prop, where Deacon continues.

Leicester v Rugby Leicester V Rugby
Leicester play their first game with
Rugby for three years without
Richards, Beck and Johnson, all
ritured, Povoas, Smith and DnakeLee replace them in the pack.
Rugby lose Fleetwood from their
second row but have Bowman fit
once more and Charles, returning to
one of his former clubs, at No. 8.

Northampton v Rosslyn Park Northampton, riddled by injuries, are without hunter, Steele and Etkington in the backs and Etheridge and Bayfield, who is getting married, in the pack, Park play Currie at loose-head prop, with Stratford at flenker and Davison at No. 8

Orrell v Nottingham Though they have named a squad, Orrell expect to be at full strength, with Halsall, recovered from flu, on the wing. Manley, the flanker, is fit after hurting a leg on Monday. Nottinghem retain the XV that best Northampton, with Jackson contin-uing at tight-head prop.

Heineken League First division Llanelli v Newbridge

Lianeli move lan Jones to full back and play Proctor on the wing, with Gale at prop, and the return of Culnnel silows Phil Davies to move to lock. Gibbs, the under-21 flamker, and Rees, at full back, both return for Meartricke.

Maesteg v Bridgend Massteg, still with just a single league point to their credit, meet their Llynfi Valley rivals, who have named a squad of 18, including Flood, selected in the England Under-21 team this week, and Howley, returning from Walea Under-21 duty.

Neath v Pontypridd

Thorburn's reappearance allows Neath to switch Bowling to the wing; Laity returns after playing for Cornwall. McCarthy is at stand-off wing, Larry learns are paying in Cornwali. McCarthy is at stand-off but the only change to the pack brings Steve Williams into the back row. Pontypridd have a squad of 24 but will be without the injured prop. Bazani, and Lewis, their captain

Newport v Swansea Injuries to Bidgood and Orrell have forced Newport to patch up their midfield, where Richard Jones and Yendle play. Pugh comes in at flanker for the injured George. Swanssa parde the team that, including 12 internationals, beat Lienelli last weekend.

Pontypool v Cardiff Dean Oswald moves to flanker because of Spiller's hip injury and Jackson makes his league debut at No. 8 for Pontypool. Cardiff retain the XV that beat Newport 18-13 in midweek, with Ring at centre and Miller at stand-off. D Compiled by David Hands

Adams and Trick set the pace pool B, ahead of Orrell and centenary international in

BATH defend the national sevens title tomorrow when the Worthington tournament is held on their ground (David Hands writes). They include Gareth Adams, the England under-21 flanker who proved the unexpected star turn a year ago, and David Trick, one of the fastest wings in English rugby ten years ago but whose pace may be matched by Jonathan Sleightholme, the young wing included in Wakefield's

London Scottish have nominated the players who, a year ago, ended Harlequins' five-year domination of the Middlesex tournament at Twickenham. They will be favoured to come through

Rugby. Several leading clubs. among them Harlequins. Leicester and Gloucester, also enter teams in the inaugural under-21 sevens tournament at Saracens. ☐ Rob Andrew, the England

stand-off half, goes into the knockout phase of the French club championship tomorrow when Toulouse, beaten finalists last June, play Nice. Andrew has played in the last five games at stand-off, with Christophe Deylaud at centre, though only one of those was a league match. The Australian Rugby Football Union (ARFU) has

asked the New Zealand authorities to investigate an in-cident during Wednesday's

ask it to view video evidence and take any action they feel appropriate," a spokesman said. It has been alleged that Jamie Joseph, the New Zealand forward, trampled on Nasser's hand. D England, deprived of a junior grand slam in the senior schools international with Wales at Colwyn Bay last season, will be anxious to prevent a repetition at Don-

caster today.

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Second division Barnsley v Wolves.. Blackburn v Millwall . Brighton v Sunderland...... Bristol City v Derby County . Cambridge Utd v Port Vale... Grimsby v Watford....... Middlesbrough v Bristof R...... Newcastle v Portsmouth......

Third division Birmingham v Shrewsbury..... Boumemouth v Reading.. Bradford v Stockport

Bury v Darlington Exeter v Hult Leyton Orient v Peterborough ... Stoke v Chester Swansea v Huddersfield Torquay v Bolton...... West Bromwich v Preston Fourth division Barnet v Walsall

Blackpool v Northampton. Cartisle v Burnley Chesterfield v Gillingham..... Halifax v Lincoln...... Hereford v Scunthorpe...... Mardstone v Mansfield..... Scarborough v York...... Wrexham v Cardiff FA Vase

Guiseley v Wimborne (at Wembley) GM Vauxhall Conference Barrow v Yeovil..... Bath v Northwich... Famborough v Stafford Gateshead v Wycombe. Kettering v Altrincham... Kidderminster v Slough.

Macclesfield v Colchester
Merthyr v Boston
Redbridge v Telford
Welling v Runcorn
Witton v Cheftenham B and Q Scottish League

Aberdeen v Falkirk... Celtic v Dunfermine Hearts v Airdrie ... St Johnstone v Hibernian St Mirren v Dundee Utd . First division Ayr Utd v Montrose..... Dundee v Forfar Hamilton v Kilmarnock. Partick v Meadowbank Raith R v Clydebank...

Stirling A v Morton ... Second division Alloa v East Fife
Berwick v Arbroath (at East Fife)
Brechin v Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath v Queen of South

East Stirling v Clyde
Stenhousemult v Dumbarton
Stranger v Albion R Whittey Bay. First division: Carzon Ashton v Netherfield: Eastwood v Worldington: Farsley Celtic v Winslord: Knowsley v Werrington: Radcliffe Bor v BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier

Atherstone; Wesidstone v Gravesend and horthries. Midiand division: Barry v Bridgnorth; Bitston v Alvechurch; Dudley v Solftudi Bor; King's Lyrn v Newport AFC; Nuseaton Bor v RC Warwick; Redditch v Hednesford; Stourbridge v Hindley; Sutton Coldfield v Rushden; Tarmworth v Stroud; Yate v Bedworth. Southern division: Andower v Erith and Belvedere; Baldock v Seisbury; Bury v Newport IOW; Hastlings v Astrord; Havent v Buckingham; Sittingboume v Burnham; Sudbury v Farehem; Weymouth v Canterbury City; Witney v Gosport Borough. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First whitehold is acte of Manchester Utd (2.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Larne; Ballyciare v Glenavon; Ballymena v Cilitorville; Carrick v Bangor; Crusadera v Coleraine; Linfield v Newry, Omagh v Glentoran; Portadown v Distillery. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Becup Bor v Atherion LP; Citheroe v Namfwich Town Eastwood Harsley v Astrion Uric; Penrith v Vaunhall GM; Prescot v Blackpool Rovers. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Dawlish v Torrington; Liskeerd v Pauliton; Minehead v Welton; Plymouth Argyle v Chippenhem; Seltash v Frome; Tiverton v Weston-super-Mare. JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE Premier division: Clauton v
Histon: Great Yarmouth v Chatterie;
Harwich and Parkeston v Wroxham;
Lowestoft v Brightlingses; Trothee v
Gorleston; Wisbech v Norwich Utd. OLD BOYS' LEAGUE: Representative match: Yorkshire Old Boys FL v London Old Boys FL Premier division: Glyn Old Boys v Cardinal Manning Old Boys; Old Tenisonians v Old Albystans.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Parkonians v Midland Bank; Old Bromielans v Chvil Service; Old Stationers v South Bank Poly; Barctsys Bank v Polytechnic; Brentham v Old Laty-mentans; Kew Association v Royal Bank; Lensbury v Cusco. ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergaverny v Pembroke; Brecon v Briton Ferry; Caldicot v Haverfordwest; Massleg v Lianell. NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Ferryhill Athletic. Byth Spartans v Whithy: Guideonuch v Essington Collery; Langley Park Wellare v Consett: Northallerion v Brandon; Senham Red Star v Murton; Tow Law v Gratna

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Old Etonians v Old Chigwellians SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mil Hill Village v Colposa Nottaborough v Old Bealonians; Witan v Old Parmilerians.

Barclays League First division Liverpool v Manchester Utd... (all ticket, 3.25)
Sheffield Utd v Leeds Utd (12.0) ... Third division Brentford v Fulham (11.30) ... HFS LOANS LEAGUE First division

RUGBY UNION Club match Kendal v Cumbria (3.0)..

BATH: Worthington Best Bitter nations sevens (12 non): Pool A: Bath, Wake field, Bedford. Pool B: Orrell, Londor Scottish, Rugby. Pool C: Brietol, Marie quins, Morley. Pool D: Leicester, Sara onn, Exeler Sevens Tournament: Vauntal under-21 (at Seracons RFC, 11am). RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: First round: Castleford v Waterland (3.30); Si Helere v Halifex (3.0); Warrington v Leads (3.30); Wigan v Widnes (3.0)

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Final (Wombley, 2.0). Britannic Assurance county championship 11.0, 110 overs minimum OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Kent TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire

Warwickshire 1 AUNTON: Somersat v Gloucestershire Sunday League 2.0, 40 overs GATESHEAD FELL: Durham CHELMSPORD: Essex v Surrey
LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
HOVE: Sussex v Yorkshire
WORGESTER: Worcestershire
Northamptonshire HOCKEY

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WOMEN'S HOME COUNTRIES TOURNAMENT (at Cork).

AEWHA NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Bast Essex v Lincolmshire
(9.30); Kent v Cambridgeshirs (11.0);

Suffost v Essex (12.30); Lincolnshire v
Herrfordshire (2.0); Norfolk v Cambridgeshire (3.30), Micliands, Nortinghamshire v
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Humberside (9.40); Lancashire v Durtam
(11.0); Lancashire v Yorkshire (12.30);
Sheffield v Cumbris (9.40); Northumberisand v Marchester (11.05). South:
Buckinghamshire v Odordshire (10.01);
Sussex v Surrey (11.30); Hampshire v

Middissex (1.0): Buckinghematire v Sussex (2.30): Berkshire v Oxfordshire (4.0). West: Gloucestershire v Oxrset (9.0); Devon v Herefordshire (12.0); Wiltehire v Oxrset (1.30); Gloucestershire v Somerset (3.0). **TABLE TENNIS**

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division north: Wellingborough v Vymura; West Warwick-shire v NFD Grove; Liverpool v Norwich First division south: Ellenborough v Larkhalf, Bath v NFD Grove; Pontypool v Horsham Dolphins; Launceston v Cardiff. OTHER SPORT

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BOWLS: English Players' Association championship (Wellingborough).
CYCLING: Welwyn-Histfield grand prixt (100 miles, Gosing Stadium, 10am); VC Esan road race (98 miles, Crishern, 12 noon); Bynee RC 30 miles (Liandovery, 8am); Newsir Castie 25 miles (Risby, 8am); Viking RC 25 miles (Risby, 8am); Viking RC 25 miles (Risby, 8am); Viking RC 25 miles (Risby, 8am); FENCING: Ipswich Cup women's Agrisde competition (Northgate SC, spawich).
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ionship (Sheffeld). TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament

RUGBY UNION 3.0 unless stated Courage Clubs Championship First division

Bath v Şaracens Second division Blackheath y Waterloo .

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Coventry v Sale

Liverpool St H v W Hartlepool

Morley v Bedford

Newcastle G v Moseley

Wakefield v Plymouth A Third division Askeans v Redruth..... Clifton v Roundhay Exeter v Broughton Pk

Fylde v Otley..... Lydney v Nuneaton... Richmond v Sheffield Fourth division north Aspatria v Vale of Lune... Durham City v Stourbridge... Harrogate v Hereford..... Lichfield v Winnington Pk Northern v Towcestriens

Fourth division south Camborne v Waston s Mare. Ealing v Sideup Havent v Sudbury High Wycombe v N Walsham Heineken Weish League

First division Llanelli v Newbridge Maesteg v Bridgend Neath v Pontypridd ... Newport v Swansea. Pontypool v Cardiff ...

Second division Aberavon v South Wales Police Abertillery v Dunvant Lianharan v Ebbw Vale..... Penarth v Cross Keys..... Tredegar v Glamorgan Wndrs..... HEINEREN NATIONAL LEAGUE Fourth division: (Idwelly v Stackwood. SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (Under 16): Walse v England (at Pontypridd). WALES: Tennents Pilaner Mid District

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES chempionship: Tonyrelali v Llentrisent Or Senghenydd, Monmouthshire champ-lonship: Pill Herriers v Caldicot. CRICKET Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham Leicestershire
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LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire
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TAUNTON: Somerset v Gloucestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire

Other match 11.30 to 6.30 INER'S: Cambridge University

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(9.30): Lincolnshire v Suffolk (11 0); Kentv
Norfolk (12.30): Essex v Cambridgeshire
(2.0): Heritordshire v Norfolk (3.30):
Suffolk v Kent (5.0). NetBamds: Bectiordshire v Strapshire (1.15); Dettyshire v
Letcestershire (2.0): Warwickshire v
Worcestershire (3.16); Northemptonehire
v Shropshire (1.6).
North: Cumbrie (1.20): Lencashire v
Worcestershire (2.20): Lencashire v
Vortcashire (3.10): Humbersade v Sheffield
(9.50): Yorkshire v Lancashire (10.55); Shefield v Cheshire (12.20); Lencashire v
Yorkshire (3.10): Humbersade v Sheffield
(9.50): Yorkshire v Lancashire (10.55); Durham v
Marchesier (12.20); Humbersade v Cumbrie (1.45); Durham v
10.0): Hampshire v Buckinghamshire
(11.01): Wastinev Slaucastershire (11.45);
Herefordshire v Dorset (1.30): Comwall v
Somerset (3.15); Wiltshire v Herefordshire (5.0).

ICE HOCKEY

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL CHAMPION SHIP: Semi-finel: Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors (1.0) BASKETBALL

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES SPORTS FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP; Group matches (10.30) Final (4.15) (at Dundee University SC). OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBO super-middleweight championship: Chris Eubank (Brighton, holder) v Ron Essett (US) (G-Max Centre,

Manchester); WBC teatherweight champ-ionship: Paul Hodidinson (Sheffield) v Steve Gruz (Texas) (Maysfield LC, Bei-hart); British Sphi-hanyweight champ-ionship: Crawford Aarlay (Leeds, holder) v Glazz Campbell (Sheffield). v Glazz Campbell (Shetfield).
CYCLING: Icknied RC 25 miles (Tempsford, 4pm); Plymouth Corinthian 25 miles (Buckinsteld), Bann); North Notts 10 miles (Oxton, 2pm); Mildenhall 10 miles (Hydnam, 2pm); Oronian 10 miles (Marcham, 4pm).
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Harry Sprague, for in-stance. In 1959, on his last

public ride, he succeeded in

a desperate finish on Done

Up and got up in the very last strides to beat Manda-

"I'd bought a farm in Devon," he says. "I didn't

want the ride but his train-

er Ryan Price kept pester-

ing me. He finally rang me

about 11 o'clock one night

and I said 'Okay, give me

Then there is Desert Or-

chid, the 1988 winner re-

turning for what may be his

last racecourse gallop. He will lead the parade for the

Whitbread, canter down to the start and run up past the stands shortly before

Dessie is still fit enough to be ridden at speed but now he is no longer in train-

ing this could well be the

last time we see his athleti-

cism on a racecourse," own-er Richard Burridge said.

3.50 KINGS HEAD HANDICAP CHASE

2-1 Vulrory's Clown, 7-2 Rein de Tout, 5-1 Precious Men 7-1 Deadline, 8-1 South Cross, 12-1 Abercy, 14-1 others.

4.20 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,875; 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

9 205P MOUNT AILEY 11 M Avison 6-11-0 Mr R Davis (7)
10 0// RAGROYAL 1125 Lady Bowby 9-11-0 C Dennis (3)
11 00 BURNMESE PEARL, 36 P Dation 4-10-7 J J Quinn
12 60 MIDOR) 14 Mrs A Tomkinson 4-10-7 N Mann
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2 234 VULRORY'S CLOWN 48 (C.D.F.G.S) O Breman 14-11-10 M Breman 2 3482 ABEROY'S (BF.C.D.F.G) M Ryan (31-13-1) Ryan (3) 3 P-FF EMMET STREET 11 (C.D.F.G.S) N Miler 12-11-5 A Lorent

A Jones

4 PSPS REIN DE TOUT 12 (F) K Wingrove 9-11-5... R Supple

5 134P DEADLINE 7 (D.C.S) J Leigh 9-11-4....... M Brennan

7 144P SOUTH CROSS 112 (F.S) G Moore 7-11-3 J Cattaghan

7 23PS CLARIES OWN 5 (F) J Wade 8-11-2....... K Jones

8 3842 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 5 (B.G) J Leigh 7-10-10

C Dannis (3)

rin by a short head.

£200 and I'll ride."

Echoes of Pas Seul

in Sandown tribute

By JACK WATERMAN

A horse ridden by Johnny Lehane [Stalker] fell and all

but brought us down. Pas

Seul was down on his head

and knees. But I got him

together, we got back into

the race and he hacked up."

doubtedly be exchanged at Sandown today. To mark

the Gold Cup's anniversary

as well as 250 years of

brewing Whitbread's have

invited every surviving win-

ning owner, trainer and

jockey to the Surrey course.

cepted and each will receive

a memento from the Queen Mother, herself a winning

owner with Special Cargo

in 1984, who is guest of honour. They will arrive

from every point of the compass flying in from the United States, the Middle

East and Ireland, journeying down from Yorkshire

and up from Devon. What

tales they will be telling.

More than 50 have ac-

The anecdote will be just one of scores that will un-

THIRTY five years old to-day, the Whitbread Gold Cup, the first sponsored race, has established itself

as one of the great events in

the jumping calendar.

From the beginning in 1957, when the winner.

Much Obliged, ridden by

Johnnie East, carried the

starting tape with him and

spat it out like a catapult, to last season, when Dock-

lands Express won on the

Cahervillahow, the Whit-

bread has a history of dra-

matic incident, and, not

Both aspects are illustrated by the 1961 hero, Pas Seul, ridden by one of

the great characters of Nat-

ional Hunt racing, Dave Dick. Now 68, Dick, who spends his retirement

shooting and golfing, re-calls the Whitbread that

Pas Seul almost did not

win: "We were on the floor

at the fence after the water.

GOING: GOOD (WATERED)

2.15 Princess Moodyshoe. 2.45 Yorkshireman. 3.15 Herberto. 3.50 Rein De Tout. 4.20 Manenda. 4.55 Kind'a Smart. 5.25 Fourth In Line.

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5 P0 MELFORD 7 K Morgan 11-0 PVerling
6 SU44 SMART ENDEAVOR 18 (B) J Jensine 10-12

7 P CORPORATE TYPE 4 G Kelly 10-10 P A Ferrell 8 50 LOXLEY RANGE 28 (V) 0 Breman 10-10, M Breman 9 510P ANCERSON ROSE 4 D Wintle 10-7 Phocass Moorhabox 6.1 B-1-0 9 4 4 --

4-7 Princess Moodyshoe, 6-1 Rajaya, 8-1 Anderson Rose, 10-1 Smart Endesvor, 12-1 Linchmere Lad, 16-1 others,

2.45 WHITE SWAN NOVICES CHASE (£1,957: 3m) (9)

71,957: 3(m) (3) 1 6901 CATCH THE CROSS 14 (V.F.G.S) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Scuder

2 U212 BONNIE DUNDEE 16 (BF,D,F,G) J Edwards 8-11-10

D Tegg 3 P124 CHANGE THE NAME 52 (F,G,S) B Rothwell 9-11-10

4 5424 LEIGH BOY 70 (F.G.S) G Moore 6-11-10 ... G McCou 5 4U21 YORKSHIREMAN 21 (F.G.S) J Glover 7-11-10 ...

11-8 Catch The Cross, 7-2 Yorkshiremen, 5-1 Bonnie Dundes 7-1 Charles The Name, 10-1 Leigh Boy, 14-1 others.

3.15 GEORGE INN SELLING HURDLE

8 -000 RELATED SOUND 14 M Barractough 6-11-7
Ann Stokell
7 4224 THE OIL BARON 7 R Hoed 6-11-7
— M Hoed
8 4304 MSSS CAPULET 48 T Domnety 5-11-2
T Eley (7)
9 060 ROSE OF GOLDEN 12 R Champion 6-11-2 Mr J Simo
10 0000 BUSH BRID 11 (V) C Smith 4-11-0
— Mr M Planger
11 4060 MICK'S TYCOON 37 (V,BF) M Pipe 4-11-0
P Scudemore

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12 4U3 POLYPLATE 14 M Ryen 4-10-9 J Ryen (3)
13. P0 THRILL 52 K Wingrove 4-10-9 R Beggen
9-4 Mick's Tyccon, 4-1 Herberto, 9-2 Polyplata, 5-1 The Oil
Baron, 7-1 Miss Capulet, 12-1 Johnstad, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Thomton, 7 winners from 19 numers, 36.8%; M Pips, 19 from 53, 55.8%; N Tinkler, 24 from 75, 22%; M Ryson, 7 from 22, 31.8%; J Wharton, 11 from 43, 25.6%; M H Easterby, 15 from 64, 23.4%.

2.15 CHASE JUVENILE CLAIMING

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4 /00-3 BOLLIN PATRICK 7 (C)

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COURSESPES

Cauthen's plea to owners of Arazi

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Cauthen yesterday urged the joint owners of Arazi to forget the American Triple Crown and aim the "wonder horse" for the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom after next Saturday's Kentucky

Derby.
The US-born jockey, who won the Triple Crown as a teenager in 1978 on Affirmed, said at Sandown: "I think Arazi will come back for the Epsom Derby and I believe it is the right thing to do. The trainer [Francois Boutin] is worried about training the horse on a hard American track.

"The owners have always said they they are concerned about the horse's best interests. The trainer feels it is in his best interests to be trained at Chantilly and to run on better surfaces. I think it is really frightening if he was to be trained on hard [Ameri-

can] tracks." Cauthen, who is contracted to ride Arazi in Europe, spoke out only minutes after Allen Paulson, the US aerospace magnate who owns 50 per cent of Arazi, stuck by his view that the Triple Crown should remain the principal target - before having a possible crack at the Prix de l'Arc

de Triomphe at Longchamp.
Paulson sold half of Arazi
last year for \$9 million to
Shaikh Mohammed, who would love to see the Blushing Groom colt try to end his Epsom Derby hoodoo.

However, Paulson told me that if Arazi wins the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs next Saturday it would "hurt" American racing not to follow up with the Preakness Stakes and Bel-mont Stakes, the other two legs of the Triple Crown.

If he wins the Kentucky Derby, and we are hopeful he will, he will have beaten the majority of the competition he would face in the next two

run in The Times Champion-

ship final at Towcester on

May 22 by winning at the

Ledbury but he is entered

again, with a 7lb penalty, in

today's qualifier at the Teme

He should have little diffi-culty in regaining a repeat success and only in his ab-sence would I look to Fox

Grove, the maiden winner at

the United on this course a

In a very competitive quali-fier at the York & Ainsty, half-

a-dozen have sound claims but Monday's Charm Park

maiden winner Stelzer makes

a quick reappearance and

Another already qualified, by dint of his Detling win five weeks ago, is The Lager Lout. As he has not run since, his

task in The Times event at the

East Sussex & Romney

Marsh, attempting to give

LORNA Clarke, the doyenne

of British eventing, is giving

her two Badminton entries.

King's Jester and Fearliath

Mor, a final outing at the Pedigree Chum Milton

Keynes horse trials at

Hanslope, Buckinghamshire, this weekend. The event,

which includes novice and

intermediate sections in addi-

tion to the four advanced

ones, has a record entry of

Most of the sport's top

names are competing -

though not all with their lead-

ing horses. Ian Stark, the

European champion, heads

the field. Among the other top

riders are Richard Walker.

the European individual sil-

ver medal winner, Mary

Thomson, the national cham-

pion, Mark Todd, of New

Zealand, a double Olympic

champion, and Blyth Tait.

the world champion.
Of these, only Walker is

riding his Olympic contend-

er, Jacana. Stark, who rides

Clan Royal and Eminence Grise, is resting Murphy

could beat them all.

Valley point-to-point.

fortnight ago.

races," Paulson said. "If he was to win in Kentucky and go to Epsom, where racing is up a hill and the track has slants, and he loses, we have egg all over our

"We are in a grand position to do the Triple Crown. If we go to the Preakness (May 16) and he doesn't win, he could well go for the English Derby

Boutin has expressed fears that even if Arazi wins the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, the strain of US training could dull his edge by the time of the Belmont Stakes. "If he wins the first two races the horse is going to tell us what he wants to do.

Paulson responded. Paulson, who stressed the horse's future plans would be determined race by race, ridiculed uninformed racing gossip this side of the Atlantic that Shaikh Mohammed was about to buy out his half-share of Arazi. "If he is, he has not talked to me - and

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5.35 Billy Bathgate. 6.05 August Folly. 6.35 Charterforhardware. 7.05 King Of The Lot. 7.35 Plastic Spaceage. 8.05 Bold Choice.

5.35 Obie's Train. 6.05 Henley Wood. 6.35 Charterforhantware. 7.05 King Of The Lot. 7.35 Viridian. 8.05 Nikitas.

,235: 2m) (22 runners)

1 4-15 OBIE'S TRAIN 28 (D.G) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-7 M Pitmen P BALLINGK 234 J Lipson 5-11-0.

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17 SEP BAMAN POWERHOUSE 43 M Suddemore 4-10-8. D Togeth 6-10-9.

18 O BLASTER BINS 21 J Machie 4-10-8.

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ERBy Bathgate, 15-8 Oble's Train, 7-2 klasigh's Tudor, 8-1

6.05 BEWDLEY NOVICES HANDICAP

1 188P BRAVE DEFENDER 54 (F.G) J White 8-11-10 R Queet 2 2FPP DAT TRAIN 21 (G.S) Mrs J Pliman 8-11-8 ... M Pliman 3 205P QUEEN OF SPARTA 17 (B) Mrs F Wahryn 7-10-12 4 1048 ORCHIPEDZO 5 (D.F) R Dickin 7-10-12 D Meredith (S) 5 0P14 MARTIN'S FRIEND 4 (CD.S) D Bloomfield 9-10-11 Mr R Daris (7)

3-1 Martin's Friend, 4-1 Brave Defender, 11-2 Turkish Star, August Folly, 8-1 Queen Of Sparta, 10-1 others.

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6.35 BATTENHALL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 3m) (20)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERING)

5.35 PERSHORE NOVICES HURDLE

it's not for sale." Cauthen rode Arazi in work earlier this week and com-mented yesterday: "He did a piece of work you don't see often. The last time I can remember one like it was with Slip Anchor before the Derby. I think he is an exceptional horse and is going to Kentucky in great form." While Rudimentary may

not have the class of Arazi. Kris's half-brother had too much speed for 11 rivals in the Forte Mile at Sandown yesterday, and is now on target for the Lockinge Stakes and the Queen Anne Stakes. Pat Eddery, third on stable companion Desert Sun in the

main race, was later suspended for four days for careless riding on runner-up Modernise in the Ring & Brymer Handicap. The ban begins tomorrow week, the day after the 2,000 Guineas.

If Carl's Choice makes

another foray into the south-

east to run in the Land Rover

qualifier at this meeting, he will not have things all his

own way with Glenavey in the

He has, however, an alter-

native engagement in the corresponding event at the Fitzwilliam where Rubies Choice and Sheer Jest would

appear to be his principal

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Berkeley, Woodford, 15m NE of Bristol (first race 2.00): Berks & Bocks, Kingston Blount, 4m NE of Wastington (2.00): East Sussex & Romney Marsh, Bechill, 14m N of town (2.00); Fite, Balcomo Mains, 3m N of Laven (1.50); Fitzwilliam, Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge (2.00): Pint & Derbigh, Eston Hall, 4m S of Cheeter (1.30): Pentyrch, Llentwit Major, 2m NW of town (2.30); Guorn, Gardhorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowdray (2.16); South Dorset, Milborne St Anchew, 8m SE of Bandford (2.10): Terne Valley, Brampton Bryan, 10m W of Ludlow (2.00); Therston, Briston Down, 10m N of South Molton (2.00); York & Alnaty, Easingwold, 12m NW of York (2.00).

Himself and Glenburnie

after superb performances at

Thomson, who has four rides this weekend, is also

without King William, her No. I horse. Todd has kept

Welton Greylag, his likely Olympic horse, at home but is

giving Face The Music, his

Badminton entry, a last run.

Badminton 22 times, always

plans to have a final pre-Badminton outing within a

formight of the event. "Other-

wise you don't know what to

do with them for the last three

weeks," she said yesterday.

Both her horses are on form.

Other entrants at Milton Keynes include Rodney Pow-

ell, now recovered from his

fractured ribs, who rides The

Fisherman and Valiant, his

Badminton entries, Christo-

pher Bartle with Up River, his

Scottish champion, and two of the leading riders from the United States — both bound

for Badminton - David

O'Connor on Wilton Fair and

Karen Lende on Nos Ecus.

Clarke, who has completed

Brigstock last week.

possible line-up.

Cool Relation for

second qualifier

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

COOL Relation qualified to 7lb to Miss Martlet, will not

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Clarke has last trials

before Badminton

By JENNY MACARTHUR

be easy.

Past master: Dave Dick will meet old colleagues to share Whitbread memories

9-4 Charterforhardware, 3-1 Fino, 7-2 Vaniski, 5-1 Not So Sooi 7-1 Hackenbuch, 8-1 Tammy's Friend, 10-1 others. 2.15 Princess Moodyshoe. 2.45 Carch The Cross. 3.15 Herberto. 3.50 Vulrory's Clown. 4.20 Slavi. 4.55 Obeliski. 5.25 Fourth In Line.

7.05 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CLUB HANDICAP CHASE

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1 FRUTI KING OF THE LOT 9 (D.G.S) D Nicholson
9-12-0 R Durnwoody
2 0-82 THAR-AN-BHARR 110 (D.F.G.S) J Upson 10-11-5*
R Supple

7.35 BOWLING GREEN HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,652: 3m) (20)

1 STUP DAMERS CAVALRY 38 (B.D.F.G) R Lee 9-11-12

8.05 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP HURDLE 3 0252 NROTAS SF (D.G) Nieu A Writindel 7-11-5... S McNell
4 1125 MOTTRAM'S GOLD 7 (D.G.S) Mrs J Rether 7-11-6
5 25F4 SNG THE BLUES 45 (D) C Benstead 8-116... D Murphy
6 - 0564 ASARGAR 60 (D.F) Mrs G Jones 6-11-2... R Begger
7 2080 THERE LAKES 10 (D.F.S) S Griffiths 6-11-1.... A Meguite
8 11F4 WILL JAMES 6 (B.D.F.S) C Dreve 6-11-0... L Harvey
9 1403 SKINOR SASSE 26F (D.SF.G.S) N Tinter 4-10-10
10 4551 TRENTITION 7 (D.F.G.S) D Berons 8-10-8... N Headen
10 4551 TRENTITION 7 (D.F.G.S) D Berons 8-10-8... N Headen

12 0436 NOBLE EYRE 48 (D,F,G,S) D Gendolio 11-10-4 13 5// HOLLY BROWN 1191 (D.F.G) P Hobbs 9-10-4 7-2 Bold Choice, 4-1 Nikitas, 11-2 Trawithien, 7-1 Mottram's Gold, 8-1 La Replotte, 10-1 Signor Sessie, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 9 winners from 24 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe. 48 from 135, 55.6%; Mise H Knight, 8 from 31, 25.8%; R Holder, 18 from 77, 23.4%; T Foreter, 16 from 63, 19.3%; D Barons, 16 from 67, 18.4%. JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 5 from 25, 20.0%; I Shoemark, 4 from 20, 20.0%; S Smith Eccles, 5 from 35, 17.1%; N Hewks, 5 from 31, 61.1%; G McCourt, 15 from 94, 16.0%; M Richards, 9 from 57, 15.8%.

MANDARIN

2.20 Run Pet Run. 3.00 Whaat Fettle. 3.30 Friskney Dale Lad. 4.00 Ole Ole. 4.30 Wake Up. 5.00 Green Silver. **THUNDERER**

2.20 Run Pet Run. 3.00 Centenary Star. 3.30 River Pearl. 4.00 Could Be Gold. 4.30 Vale Of Secrecy. Brian Beel: 4.00 Ole Ole.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.30 CHESTERS STUD MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (£861: 2m) (6 runners)

1 -211 RUN PET RUN 7 (C,S) P Monteith 7-12-0
Mr'S Lyons (7)
2 6315 MOORFIELD LADY 11 (CD,F,S) B Wildingon 8-11-7
A Larranch (7)

11-8 Run Pet Run, 5-2 Moorfield Lady, 4-1 Ramille, 10-1 Zam's Stave, 16-1 Carat Stick, 20-1 Passage To Freedom.

3.00 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER (Novices chase: £1,657; 2m 4f) (12) 1 PS10 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 14 (C.D.S) C Parker 8-11-12 2 SIP3 WHAAT FETTLE 14 C.G.G. Richards 7-11-12 M Moloney 3 SIU2 CENTENARY STAR 36 (D.G.S) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-8

12 2359 Fath Sez Variabelda Rambler, Cantenery Star, 11-2 Macho Men, 7-1 Cosmic Ray, 10-1 others.

3.30 NEWCASTLE BREWERIES TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE

9-4 Fristney Dele Lad, 11-4 Ferwick, 4-1 Another Fountain, 5-1 River Pearl, 7-1 Dolkos, 12-1 Alle-Roy, 16-1 others.

4.00 GILESGATE VOLVO HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNT CUP (Amateurs: maiden hunter chase: £1,121: 3m) (8)

1 0 ALASKAN GOODWILL 5 N Waggett 9:120
Miss T Waggett (7)
Of COULD BE GOLD 728 J Chariton 7-120 N Wisson (7)
PM-FLYING LION 479 J Mackley 7-120 M Wisson (7)
4 PSU-MELSONBY 384 E Robson 10-120 Miss P Robson (7)
5 P2 OLE OLE 5 Mrs E Moscrap 6-120 Miss P Robson (7)
6 000-PCTATO MAN 417 J Wilson 6-120 J Wilson (7)
7 5/P- SOVEREIGN STEPS 350 B Adamson 10-120
Cast T Hercook (7) 8 0-45 THE PRIDE OF POKEY 19 Miss C Devision 8-11-9 R Hale (7)

4.30 NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOYS CLUBS HANDICAP HURDLE (£830: 2m 4f) (10)

5.00 NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOYS CLUBS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,187: 2m 4f) (11) 1 2024 RIVER HOUSE 14 (BF,CD,F,G) W A Stephenson

1 2024 RIVER HOUSE 14 (BF,CD,F,G) W A Stephanson 10-11-12 K Johnson 2 5P90 LAURIE-O 67 (D,F,S) Mrs G Revelay 9-11-11 M Dayler 3 6111 GREEN SILVER 44 (C,F,G,S) Lungo 10-11-6 T Reed 4 0-80 Wilb PORCE 66 (D,F,G) 6 Richards 71-15 - M Modeley 5 P055 RICENSE 19 (B,D,B,S) D Swinderhant 12-11-2 M MAGMOOD 7 (CD,S) C Parter 12-10-6 Mr D Parter (7) 7 2015 DREET INTEREST 11 (C,F,G,S) Dayle 5min 9-10-8 P Waggott (7) 8 3PP MARILEFIS,D 428 J Oliver 10-100 — P Waggott (7) 8 29P TAVERN TRACE 19 (B,S,R) P Bootley 9-10-0 — N Smith 10 43FP PALM LAO 12 (BF,C,F) P Bootley 9-10-0 — K Doolse-11 P40 SOME FINGERS 11 Mee M Benson 7-100 — B Storty 12 Green SRver, 4-1 River House, 5-1 Laurie-O, 6-1 Oirect

5-2 Green Silver, 4-1 River House, 5-1 Laurie-C, 6-1 Direc Interest, 7-1 Magwood, 8-1 Wind Force, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: R O'Leary, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; G Moore, 29 from 95, 30.5%; P Monteliti, 13 from 49, 28.5%; G Richards, 29 from 117, 24.6%; L Lungo, 3 from 13, 23.1%; W Stephenson, 42 from 206, 20.4%. JOCKEYS: A Lamach, 3 winners from 14 ridge, 21.4%; M Dwyer, 14 from 69, 20.5%; L Wyer, 5 from 35, 14.3%; K Johnson, 4 from 28, 14.3%; K Doolen, 7 from 57, 12.3%; D Byrne, 4 from 37, 10.8%. JOCKEYS: P Sculamore, 12 winners from 25 rides, 46.2%; G McCourt, 28 from 76, 36.8%; A Webb, 4 from 16, 25%; J Ryan, 6 from 25, 24%; W Dwan, 4 from 17, 23.5%; B Dalton, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

Sandown Park Going: good; changed to good to soft after race three

Going: good: changed to good to soft after race three 2.00 (8f 8yd) 1, RISK ME'S GIRL (W R Swinburn, 12-11; 2, Holly Godghtly (M Roberts, 5-1); 3, Princess Obsero (M Hiss, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Always Ricky, 5-1 Margaret's Gift (4th), Poco Plerna, 33 Easy Touch, Sedgy's Sister (5th), 10 ran. 34, nk, 3, 11sl, lc, R Harmon at Mariborough: Tote: 215.80; 22.90, 21.40. DF: 243.90. CSF: 239.51, 190, 61.40. DF: 243.90. CSF: 239.51, 190, 61.40. DF: 243.90. CSF: 235 (1m 10-4) 1). HAMÁS (W Carson, 5-2); 2f. Dietinof Thatcher (Pat Eddery, 11-8 lav); 2f., litterbugging (D Holland, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Big Base (5th), 8 Birdheldoun (4th), 33 Sr Oliver, 50 Sadier's Way (8th), 100 Cannonie, 6 ran. NR: Muhaysa. 214, deadheat, 119. 214, 354. P Wawyn at Lambourn. Tote: 23.20; 21.30, 21.10 (Distinct Thatcher), 21.70 (Alterbugging). DF: 21.30 (with Distinct Thatcher), 23.93 (with Jitterbugging). Imin 14.23esc.

44.23sec.
3.05 (5f 6yd) 1, OLIFANTSFONTEIN (W Ryen, 6-1 tay): 2, Terrhara (R Perham, 12-1); 3, Macharlane; (W Carson, 7-1); 4, Mindemeanours Gliri (B Doyle, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Plain Feot (5th), 9 Amber Will, El Yasef, 10 Aughind: 14 Choir Practice, 16 Love Legend, 20 Bold Lez, Sid Captein, 25 Herd 16 Figure, Lucedeo, Beau Venture, Ashtina, 33 Masmun, Green Dollar (5th), Hrythrist Denoer, 100 Mil-Artik. 20 ran. 14, 27d, 141, 12, R Simpson at Foshill. Tota: 27 20; 12-30, 123.40, 21-40, 25-40. DF: £105.60. CSF: £86.43, Tricest: 2478.16. Tric: £116.30. Imin 02.17sec.
3.40 (1m 14yd) 1, RUDIMENTARY (S

Imin 02.17sec.
3.40 (1m 14yd) 1. RUDIMENTARY (S Cauthen, 2-1 fav. Richard Evene's and Private Hendicapper's top rating); 2. Zoman (A Munic, 12-1); 3. Ossert Sun (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Fisshfoot (5th), 10 Sileston, Mukaddamah, 12 Environment Friend, 16 Lovesloch (4th), 25 Military Fashion (8th), 33 Enharmonic, Fair Average, 11 ran. NR: Goofalk, 12d, 1, 34, 3, 3, 1 docs at Newmarkst. Tote; 290; 21.20, 22.70, 22.00 DF: 21.200. CSF: 223.43. Trio: 214.80. Imin 42.09sec. 4.10 (1m 8h 1-MELLO MY DARLING) (F CSF: EZS.AS. Tric: ET4.80. Tmin 42.09sec.
4.10 (1m 8) 1; E. Satin Lover (S Cauthen,
11-8 tav); 3. Lift And Load (M Roberts, 61). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Comstock, 15-2 Mrs
Barton, 12 Star Player (4th), 33 Rnn High,
48 Honey Dencer (8th), 50 Chucklestone
(5th), 9 ran, 14, 42, sh fd, 6, 31. W Mulr at
Lembourn. Tote: 210.20; 21.90, 21.30,
21.90. DF: £9.70. CSP: £22.81. Tricast:
£23.75. 3min 07.60sec.

Kinane linked with Lucky Lindy

RICHARD Hannon is hop-ing to secure the services of John Reid, successful on the Michael Kinane for Lucky Lindy in the 2.000 Guineas. The Irish champion rode Bruce Raymond will ride Tirol to win the classic for River Falls and Walter Swin-Hannon in 1990.

colt last time, is riding Char-lie Nelson's Artic Tracker. burn will be on Swing Low. The Wiltshire trainer has the other Hannon runners.

W Marston (7)
3 2143 MEGA BLUE 11 (6) Mrs V Aconley 7-11-1 G McCourt
4 2144 OBELISKI 11 (8F,G) P Heatem 5-11-1 J Callaghen
5 24FP ENSHARP 5 J Leich 8-10-13 M Bareman
6 3-03 UNIPALD MEMBER 7 (F) J Wheston 8-10-10 S J O'Nells
7 // IPP LITTLE HARNAM 38 W Smith 9-10-5 M Robinson (7)
North Color of the Color -1 Northern Lion, 3-1 Mega Blue, 7-2 Obeliski, 5-1 Kind's knart, 8-1 Unpeld Member, 12-1 Ensharp, 20-1 others. 5.25 GORDON ARMS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,887: 1m 6f) (20)

4.55 RED LION NOVICES HANDICAP

CHASE (£2,035: 2m 1f) (8) 1 4451 NORTHERN LION 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Thompson 9-11-11

2 4140 KIND'A SMART 18 (F.G.S) K Morgan 7-11-8

1 1 FOURTH IN LINE 35 (S) J Edwards 4-11-7
Mr R Davis (7)
2 GOODHEAVENS MRTONY M Naughton 5-11-5
C Dennis (3)
3 0 THE PATTERS MAGIC 193 M Hazarond 5-11-5
D Repriew (7)

O THE PATTERS MAGIC 19S M Hazamond 5-11-5 D Benday (7)
O DIDSBURY RED 182 W Smith 5-11-1 M Sharratt
O GO MO GO 12 C Beaver 6-11-1 M M Sharratt
O GO MO GO 12 C Beaver 6-11-1 M M Marston (7)
ROYAL FIFE Mrs B Broad 6-11-1 C Woodall (7)
B DORIOCAY 25 M Carnactio 4-11-0 D Woodall (7)
CREAM OF THE CROP J Windron 4-11-0 A Dobbin (7)
FANTASTICAL C Thomton 4-11-0 A Dobbin (7)
HICKSONS CHOICE J Wade 4-11-0 D Ryen (7)
RODAN CHARMER C Tinider 4-11-0 W Divan (7)
MOST RICH 21 J Etherhagho 4-11-0 D Weish (5)
CONLY FOR PLEASURE J Jentins 4-11-0 D Weish (5)
TOOGGOD TO BE TRUE M H Easianty 4-11-0

4.45 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, USER FRIENDLY (G Duffield, 25-1); 2, Shirtey Valenthre (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 3, Jood (W R Swinburn, 2-1 tay), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Party Cited (4th), 8 Gong, 12 Anghasm, 20 Kentucky Stariet, Vermonia, Nearabou (5th), 25 Donia (8th), Top Table, 33 Barga, Beauchamp Grase, Changer The WIL 50 Day Of Hestoy, 15 ran. 294l, 294t, 6, 5, 74l, C Brittain at Newmerket, Tote: 240.00; 25.90, 21.50, 21.80. DF: 245.80. CSF: 293.19, 2min 10-23aec. Going: sort 2.30 (3m hdle) 1, Grace Card (M Dwyer, 2.5 tav); 2, Forward Glen (9-4); 3, Par Avion (14-1), 6 ran, 3l, diet, Mrs G Reveley, Tole: £1.40; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.81. \$1.50. (3m hdie) 1, Harptey (\$ Teytor, 100-30); 2, Source Of Magic (\$-2); 3, Quide Tempo (\$-4 tay), 4 ran, NF: Laven Baby, Trebonkers, Tree Amigos, 41, 30, S Kettlewell, Tote; \$4.20, DF: £9.80, CSF: \$11.01 10.23eac.
\$20 (Im 2! 7yd) 1, BOLD STROKE (W Carson, 2-1 (t-fav); 3, Maderniae (Pat Siddery, 2-1 (t-fav); 3, Mational Emblem (A Munro, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Jainzinho (5th), 9 Wild Fire (4th), 5 ran, Nk, 12, 2t, 8t, J Dunlop at Annadel, Totac 22.90; \$1.60, \$1.50.DF; \$2.90, CSF; \$6.11, After a stewards' enquiry, result stood. Zmin 10.35eacc. 211.01.
3.30 (3m ch) 1, Mister Moody (A Orioney, 100-30 fav): 2, Just Pretend (7-2); 3, harmer (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Shermago. Diet, dist. J Johnson. Tole: 25.60; 21.10. 21.80, 211.40. DF: 25.80. CSF: £14.66.
4.00 (3m ch) 1, Dailtey Sound (M Devyer, 8-5 fav); 2, Edberg (A Orioney, 5-1); 3, Last O' The Bunch (3-1), 6 ran. St. 21. Mrs G Reveley. Tole: £2.40; £1.80, £2.60. DF: 55.50. CSF: £8.08. 25.50. CSF: 28.08. 4.39 (2m 4f ch) 1, Bertie Boy (Mr W Wales, 1-10 fev); 2, Dark Dawn (15-2); 3, Run Leah Run (25-1), 7 ran. 101, 15t. Mrs G Reveloy, Tote: 22.00: £1.40, £2.90. DF: 86.30. CSF: 29.57.

10.35sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of 213,721
carried forward to Sandown loday. Plecepot: £13,40.

Carlisle Going: Good (good to soft in places)
2.15 (Sf. 207yd) 1. Penny Hasset (T
Lucas, 9-2); 2. Coolaba Prince (16-1); 3.
1 wright Pala (8-4 say, 1-4 rah, Nr. 121, 16-1); 3.
DF: 5167.70. CSF: 578.44. Tricast:
5162.50.
2.45 (Sf. 207yd) 1. Doldris Oyston (J. Carroll, 9-4); 2. Never So Sure (Evens fay); 3. Foxes Diamond (33-1), 9 ran, Hd, 2. J. Berry, Tote: 52.50. St. 20, 51.10, 55.30.
DF: 52.50. CSF: 52.06.
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3.20 (5f) 1, Tarnside Rosal (T Lucis, 9-4); 2, General Brooks (15-8 hsv); 3, Penny Benger (8-1), 6 ran. 3t, 4. J Etherington. Tots: 04.50; £2.10, £1.40. DF: £9.00. CSF:

M Stoute. 1019: £7.10, Dr. £7.10; CSr. £1.38.

4.29 (71 214yd) 1. Tratalgar Boy (J Weaver, 7-1); 2. Karsmola (2-1 fav); 3. Personal Hazard (10-1), 7 ms. ½1, 1½1, 2. Etherington. Tote; £10.80; £3.10, £1.20. Dr. £11.20, CSF. £20.84.

4.55 (71 214yd) 1. Me Belle Luna (B Reymond, 8-13 fav); 2. Stoprovertate (13-2); 3. Almosa (7-2), 5 ran. 10, ½½, J Dunko, Tote; £1.70; £1.10, £2.40. Dr. £6.00, CSF. £4.87.

5.25 (1m 40) 1. Eurotwist (Alex Greeves, 12-1); 2. Perforate (6-1); 3. Satu (7-1). Thurstof 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 10, ¾4, 7 Berron. Tote: £10.90; £2.90, £3.40, £4.20, Dr. £13.80, £37-£275.11. Tricast £496.39. Pfacapot: £8.30.

Evening racing, page 31 Racing next week MONDAY: Wolverhampton, Pontafract, †Windsor, †Hexham.
TUESDAY: †Ascot, Nottingham,
Bath, †Sedgefield, WEDNESDAY:
Ascot, Kelso, †Cheltenham.
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Redcar,
Sallsbury. FRIDAY: Newmarket,
Hamilton Park, Newton Abbot,
†Bangor. SATURDAY: Newmarket, Haydock Park, Thirsk,
Uttoxeter, †Hexham.

29.30. CSF: 29.57. \$3.09 (Zm hdle) 1, Eastly Mandrina (Mr S Lyona, 11-2); 2, Family Line (7-2); 3, Old Pag (11-4 sev), 8 ran. 4l, 3Mil. 5 Kerifewel, Tole: '28.60, '22.50, '21.40, '21.50, DF: \$15.70, CSF: 224.32, Tricast: £58.78.

Placepot: £92.00,

Flat meetings in bold †Denotes evening meeting



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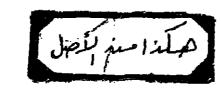
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REAL VALUE

Topsham Bay to give Marsh his third Whitbread

LIGHTNING struck twice in the same place in the late Sixtles when Larbawn. owned and trained by Michael Marsh, won the Whitbread Gold Cup in successive

Today I am looking to the same owner's Topsham Bay, who is trained by David Barons in Devon, to give him a third cause for celebration by winning the covered Sandown steeplechase.

Larbawn's two victories were both preceded by win-ning the Golden Miller Trophy over three-and-a-quarter miles at Cheltenham and Topsham Bay has followed that same path.

There was certainly much to admire about the way that he plugged on up the hill to deny Henry Mann and Tug Of Gold at jump racing's headquarters ten days ago.

Ability to cope with today's longer trip is guaranteed ionger up to governous since he has won over both three-and-a-half miles and four miles at Cheltenham: each time when the going underfoot has been much the

same as it will be today.

Brown Windsor and Mr Frisk will be attempting to emulate Larbawn and Diamond Edge, the only horses to have won this trophy twice. Of the two, I prefer Brown Windsor whose bid for glory in the Grand National ended at Becher's Brook on the first

LESTER Piggott became acquainted with his 2,000

Guineas mount Rodrigo De

Triano for the first time yes-

terday when he rode the

three-year-old in a workout

over six-and-a-half furlongs

on the Derby gallop at

The colt's trainer, Peter

Chapple-Hyam, reported

that both he and Piggott were

delighted with the work. "He

did it very easily and we are

now very hopeful that he will

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Brown Windsor had enjoyed a perfect preparation for Aintree when beating The Leggett by three lengths on today's course early in March. A fortnight later The Leggett was beaten six lengths by Topsham Bay at Newbury.

Whatever happens, this will be Mr Frisk's swansong. Hopes that he will bow out in a blaze of glory were hardly raised last month when he trailed in over 20 lengths behind Tug Of Gold, who was subsequently put in his place by Topsham Bay at

The going is unlikely to be soft enough for Tipping Tim



Barons: trains Whitbread

Rodrigo De Triano pleases

Piggott in Manton workout

By Michael Phillips

Devious in the Craven Stakes. I saw Rodrigo De Triano in his box on Thursday evening

and it was evident that he has

thrived since his Greenham

Stakes defeat at Newbury.

Not only has he shed surplus

weight, he has blossomed in

Dr Devious also looked splendid following his at-

tempt to give 5lb to the cur-

rent Guineas favourite Alnasr

Alwashweek at Newmarket

He travels to France today

who would have finished only third in the Martell Cup at Liverpool had not Arctic Call blundered away his chance when holding a clear lead at the last fence.

While Arctic Call's chance has clearly been improved by what appears to be successful further surgery to rectify a soft palate, he is still prone to errors. That tendency could well cost him dear at

Today's programme begins with the Pizza Hut Maiden Stakes for which Alex Scott saddles promising newcomer Rock Symphony, described by George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, as a Royal Ascot type.

In going for Assessor to win the Thresher Classic

Trial, I am relying upon the form of last year's Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster where he finished third behind Seattle Rhyme and Mack The Knife, two lengths in front of Anchorite, one of his principal opponents now. From Newmarket, the news of Bonny Scot and Pol-

len Count is more encourag-

disappointed in a gallop on Wednesday. The much-travelled Dear Doctor, trained by John Hammond, is taken to land the TGI Friday's Gordon Richard Stakes following a

(Pretty Polly Stakes) ear-marked for Newmarket, run-

ners from Manton are likely

to be thin on the ground until

Chester and York - two courses that are particular

favourites of Manton's own-

exhilarating start to the sea

son at Newbury a fortnight

ago, is on course for a crack at

either the Chester Vase or the

Dee Stakes while the promis-

ing El Cortes is now likely to

Guineas and go for the Dante

If all goes well there, the

next stop will be Chantilly for the French Derby - a route

The beautifully-bred River Defences, who made such an

er, Robert Sangster.

Horst in Germany

RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN THUNDERER 2.25 Rock Symphony. 3.00 Assessor. 3.30 Dear Doctor. 4.05 TOPSHAM BAY 2.25 Joyofracing. 3.00 Aljadeer. 3.00 Assessor. 4.40 Irek. 3.30 PERPENDICULAR 5.15 VERDE ALITALIA (nap). 4.05 Arctic Call. (nap). 4.40 Irek. 4.40 Sharpitor. 5.15 Isaiah 5.15 My Sovereign. 5.45 Wellwotdouthink. 5.45 Winter Squall. Newmarket Correspondent: 2.25 Rock Symphony. 3.30 PERPENDICULAR (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SURE SHARP. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (FLAT COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.25 PIZZA HUT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O cotts & geldings: £2,469; 5í 6yd) (11 runner) QBIORINGS: X.2, 409; St DyO) (IT FURTHER) O ANSELLMAN 15 (Areeks of Watford) M Haynes 9-0 S ARADANZA 15 (Mre P Lewis) M Chemnon 9-0 BRIGG FAIR (J Normen) R Hannon 9-0 ELLE SHAPED (J Meraden) R Hannon 9-0 JAYBES-JAY (Raimed (Horsensching) Ltd) M Haynes 9-0 JOYOFRACING 9 (BIP) (N Yong) W O'Gormen 9-0 PERIGORD (P Bourke) W Mur 9-0 POWER OF POLLY (G Beck) P Cole 9-0 ROCK SYMPHONY (SIr A Page-Wood) A Scott 9-0 S SHARRO 37 (Mrs B Wints) P Kelleway 9-0 ZIMZALABIM (K Al-Said) B Hills 9-0 Iovertracing, 7-2 Rock Symphony, 9-2 Power Of Polly, 11-2 Zimzelei 8 Cauthen J Williams R Pernham (5) M Roberts R Cochrane Pat Eddery Pat Eddery S Whitworth T Quinn B Raymond C Asmusser D Holland BETTING: 7-4 Joyotracing, 7-2 Rock Symphony, 9-2 Power Of Polly, 11-2 Zimzelabim, 10-1 Elle Shaped, Aradanza, 12-1 Brigg Fair, 14-1 others 1991: WALSTEAD 9-0 L Dettori (20-1) W Jarvis 13 ren **FORM FOCUS** ARADANZA 71 5th of 14 to Sabre Rettier at Newbury (5t) with ANSELLMAN 12 10th. BRIGG FAIR (toaled Feb 9, cost 4,800gra) helf-brother by Aragon to four winners, including Fag in Hand. JOYOFRACING 85tl 3rd of 13 to Kharri in Newmariat (5t, good) malden. PERIGORD (Feb 11. 9,800gra) half-brother by Cyrano De Bergerac to sprint winners City Code and Yuffrouw Arn. POW-

3.00 THRESHER CLASSIC TRIAL (Group III: 3-Y-O: £32,040: 1m 2f 7yd) (10 runners) ing than it is of Aljadeer, who

1991: HAILSHAM 8-11 M Roberts (3-1) C Brittsin 5 ran FORM FOCUS

APE best Janzinho 1½1 in 18-runner group if remio Guido Berardelli in Rome (1m 21, heavy). LFLORA SIA SIA 5th of 8 to Lion Cavern in group if inger Greenham Stakes at Newbury (71, good to 11). LIADEER beat Top Register 3½1 in 18-runner envolvy (1m, good) stakes race. ASSESSOR 53 3rd 8 to Seattle Rhyme in group if Recting Post Trophy I Doncester (1m, good) with ANCHORITE (same	terms) 21 4th. BEYTON beat Feminine Will numer Newbury (Im 31, good to soft) ata BONNY SCOT beat Captain Horatius 11/41 ner (Island race at Newmerket (Im 21, or BEYTON (same terms) 81 3rd. DAROS beat hd in Brunner letted race at Dancester (Im POLLEN COUNT) beat Free Phyer 21 in Kempton (Im, good to soft) graduation (Im Selection: ASSESSOR
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3.30 TGI FRIDAY'S GORDON RICHARDS EBF STAKES (Group III: \$23,328: 1m 2f 7yd) (13 runners)

301 (2) 15220-1 DEAR DOCTOR 13 (D.G.S) (H Chairloub) J Hammond (Fr) 5-9-1 C Asmussen 94
302 (10) 012146- FLYING BRAVE 196 (F.G) (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 4-9-1. NON-RUNNER —
303 (12) 22115-1 SURE SHARP 10 (F.G.S) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 5-9-13 — D Holland © 96
304 (1) 311340- GUSSY MARLOWE 248 (D.F.S) (Mrs J Van Geest) C Brittain 4-8-10 M Roberts 94
305 (4) 63/1325- HALF A TICK 314 (F.G) (C Waten) P Cote 4-8-10 — T Quinn 306 (6) /2031/3 ILE DE CHYPRE 22 (D.F.G) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 7-8-10 — A Clark 93
307 (13) 1/124- OPERA HOUSE 182 (D.F.) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-8-10. R Cochrane 92

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١.	309 (11) 15/130-0 PRINCE RUSSANOR 22 (D.F.G) (D Humisett) J Duniop 4-8-10 B Raymond	7
	310 (7) 3/115-1 RED BISHOP 22 (D,G,S) (A Seecd) J Gooden 4-8-10	9
	311 (9) 1/12- SECRET HAUNT 312 (F) (G Seineghl) L Cumani 4-8-10 L Dettori	83
	312 (3) 254006- JAFFA LINE 227 (F) (Mrs P Sheen) D Eleworth 4-8-7 J Williams	88
		86
	BETTING: 7-2 Sure Sharp, 9-2 Perpendicular, 6-1 Secret Haunt, 8-1 Guesty Martowe, Red Bishop, 10-1 Op House, 12-1 Deer Doctor, 14-1 Jeffa Line, Mohican Girl, 16-1 lie De Chypre, 25-1 others. 1991: NOBLE PATRIARCH 4-8-10 J Reid (7-1) J Dunlop 6 mm	HEITE
	FORM FOCUS	
	DEAR DOCTOR best Hondo Mondo 3i in 12-runner proup il race at Gafsenldrchen-Horst (1m 2f, good). SURE SHARP best Adam Smith 1/sJ in 8-runner group ill at Newmarket (1m 1f). PERPENDICULAR beat OPERA HOUSE (sam terms) neck in 4-runner listed race at Gafsenldrchen-House (1m 2f, good, Is RED BISHOT). 1, good, Is RED BISHOT (vin 2f, good to so) 2-

group I Coronation Str in June. OPERA HO Flight in group II St St Syd, good) with RED	ikes at Roy USE 3141 Mon Stake	rai Ascol (1 fith of 11 to 6 at Newbu	im, good) o Further av (1m.4f	PRINCE RUSS 2nd of 9 to Sadd Stakes at Royal Selection: SUR	ANOR 11th. ters' Hall in gr Ascot (1m -	SECRET	f HAUN o Edwar
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TRAINERS HThomson Jones L Current W O'Gorman	Winnera 7 15 4	Runners 21 47 13	Per cent 33.3 31.9 30.8	JOCKEYS R Cochrane Pat Eddery D Holland	Winners 27 43 5	Flides 133 222 26	Per cer 20.3 19.4 19.2

4.05 WHITBREAD GOLD CUP (Handicap Chase: Grade III: £57,400: 3m 5t 18yd) (11 runners) Long handicap: Rowlandsons Jewels 9-12. The Leggett 9-10. Topsham Bay 9-10. Stay On Tracks 9-8. Tipping Tim 9-6, Paco's Boy 8-13. Mrsgc Day B-12. BETTING: 7-2 Arctic Call, 4-1 Brown Windsor, 5-1 Topsham Bay, 6-1 Tipping Tim, 8-1 Espy, 14-1 Rowlandsons Jewels, The Leggett, Stay On Tracks, 16-1 Mr Frisk, Paco's Boy, 100-1 Mrsgc Day

1991: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 9-10-3 A Tory (4-1 jt-fev) K Badey 10 rest

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC CALL best Solideserock & at Newbury (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start BROWN WINDSOR best THE LEGGETT (1to better off) 3t here (3m 11byd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MR FRIER, won this race two years ago, 2244 4th of 7 to Tug Of Gold nere (3m 11byd, good) ESPV 11bl 2nd of 4 to Toby Tobias in Windsor (3m, good) chase on penultimate start; previously best Dalkey Sound 12th in grade it Dalmond Chase here (3m 11byd, good to firm) with ROWLANDSONS JEW. ELS 2744 6th and BROWN WINDSOR 8th THE LEGGETT 91 3rd of 7 to Sneskapenny at Towcester

(2m 5i 110yd, good to soft) TOPSHAM BAY beat Henry Mann 3d in Chelterham (3m 2i, good to soft) handleap chase, previously beat THE LEGGETT (7b better off) 6i in Nowhury (3m 2i 82yd, good) handleap chase, STAY ON TRACKS 3'vi 3rd of 13 to bavd? 5 buky in Newcastle (4m 11, good) handleap chase on penultimate start, TIPPING TIM 10 and of 8 to Kings Fountain in grade it Marrett Cup Chase at Liverpool (3m 1i, good to soft) where ARCTIC CALL (21th worse off) was clear when falling at the last

4.40 COUNTRY CLUB HOTELS HANDICAP C4. (3-Y-O: £10,820: 1m 14yd) (10 runners)

1891: KAPID CORACLE 8/ E	House (12-1) H Hannon 14 ran
FORM I	FOCUS
STRIONG SUIT best Appealing Times 11 in 12-runner Haydock (61, good to firm) nursery in September LOVE JAZZ best Early Star 13ti in 13-runner Haydock (61, good to soft) claimer Haydock (61, good to soft) claimer SHARPTOR best Trile-Net-Heish 31ti in York (71, good to firm) nursery, MAJAL 1034 3rd of 6 to Grog in Beverley (1m 21, good) handicalp, SHOWEI 23 3rd of 15 to Beware Of Agenta in Newmarket (71, good of 15 to Beware Of Agenta in Newmarket (71, good	to farm) handicab with SYBARITIC SAM (2b bette of) 417th IREK easily beat Sebosan 5t in 12-runne Ungfield (7f. soft) auction praduation race HADAAD beat Antadeus Aes 34 in 14-runne Redcar (7f. good to firm) nursery. THE POWER Of ONE 1014 bit of 24 to River Delences in Newburn (1m. good to soft) maden. Selection: IREK

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5.15 LANSBURY HOTELS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,715: 5/ 6yd) (14 runners)				
801 (11) 31422-2 ECHO-LOGICAL 37 (D.BF.G) (Liverpool Post) J Berry 9-7 Pat Eddery 97				
602 (13) 24111-4 ISAIAH 9 (D.F.S.) (Miss C Spurner) M Johnston 9-5 M Roberts 94				
603 (12) 131-4 ISDAR 33 (D,BF,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13 R Hitls 95				
604 (6) 13100-0 WILD HONOUR 42 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Haim) W Mult 8-12 . S Whitworth 96				
605 (3) 3262-36 FREDDIE LLOYD 9 (D.G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-11 J Tata (7) 97				
608 (8) 23113-0 HOLETOWN 9 (F) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 8-10 R Perham (5) \$3				
607 (14) 523210- TATE DANCER 179 (D.G.) (Mrs J Davell) R Armstrong 8-8 L Detrori 87				
608 (4) 2235- SILCA-CISA 179 (D.G.) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Charnon 8-8. J Williams 88				
609 (1) 23-21 BLAKE END 30 (G) (Tamdown Ltd) W O'Gorman 8-5 R Cochrane @ 99				
810 (7) 031- VERDE ALITALIA 217 (D.F) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlog 8-4 T Quinn 93				
611 (10) 100- WALSTEAD 179 (CD.G) (Snewdrop Stud Co Ltd) W Jarves 8-1 D Holland 69				
612 (2) 62-1 MY SOVEREIGN 15 (D.G.) (B Newson) J Fanshawe 8-0 A Munro 92				
613 (9) 30320-1 UCCELLO 30 (D.S) (K Khen) L Holi 7-13				
814 (5) 142330- NED'S BONANZA 179 (D.F) (N Jones) R Whitaker 7-13 N Cartisle 91				
BETTING: 4-1 My Sovereign, 5-1 Uccello, 11-2 Echo-Logical, 7-1 Blake End, 8-1 Isdar, Verde Alitaka, Isaach,				

1991: AMBER MILL 9-0 R Hills (20-1) J Berry 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ECHO-LOGICAL hd 2nd of 7 to Cindors in Doncas-	oti
ter (5f, good) handscap ISAIAH 81/31 4th of 15 to	17
Heather Bank in Newmarket (6f, good) handicap	51
with FREDDIE LLOYD (11b better off) II 6in and	R∉
HOLETOWN (same terms) %1 7th.	Q
FREDDIE LLOYD 5 3rd of 5 to Arctic Appeal in	m
Folkestone (5t, heavy) graduation race with ISDAR) TU
(26 worse off) 21/1 4th; finished 61/4 6th of 25 to	te
Casteddu in valuable Racecall Gold Trophy at	(5
Redcar (61, good) with TATE DANCER (15% better	l Se

off) 8f 12th, NED'S BONANZA (12th better off) 4f. 7th and WALSTEAD (18th better off) 1f. 20th, SILCA-CISA beat Taufan Biu sh hd in 12-runner tedear 15f, good) madden VERDE ALITALIA beat reche 5f in 9-runner Catterick (5f, good to firm) naden. MY SOVEREIGN beat Threepence in in 5-unner Thresk (5f, good) praduation race, UCCELLO

5.45 RACING WELFARE SUPREME NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

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1	1	BUTLER'S TWITCH 21 (G) (C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-6 J McCarthy (7)	_
2	1	RIVA 35 (F) (A Hussein) D Barone 5-11-6 R Greena (5)	_
3	2-11	WELLWOTDOUTHINK 113 (F.G.) (A Flannigan) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-5 R Hodge (5)	_
4	20	FERENS HALL 44 (Mrs M. Moore) A J Wison 5-11-2 B O'Dowd (7)	_
5	1	BALZAC BOY 29 (G) (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-1	_
В	1	WINTER SQUALL 17 (S) (Mrs 5 Robins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-1	_
7	22	CYPRUS 17 (T Ford) Mrs J Perrin 4-10-11 S Curren (7)	_
8	4	DEBAUCHED 21 (J Wigen) C Brooks 4-10-11 B Clifford (3)	_
9	3	DO BE HAVE 17 (D Walker) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-11	_
10	2	RING CORBITTS 12 (Equiname Ltr.) D Eddy 4-10-11 Mr A Thornton (7)	_
11	02	WHY NOT EQUINAME 38 (Equiname Ltd) D Eddy 410-11 J Supple (7)	_
		Winter Squall, 2-1 Riva, 6-1 Wellwoldoyouthink, 10-1 Balzac Boy, Butler's Twitch, 12-1 [prus, 16-1 others.	3 0 B(

1991: RAMPOLDI 4-10-12 Miss A Harwood (6-1) G Harwood 11 ren

FORM	H
BUTLER'S TWITCH beat Most Rich 2 in 17-runner Hereford (1m Sr, good) National Hunt Flat race with DEBAUCHED (3b better off) 111 4th. RIVA beat Rosemosa 2 at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm) National Hunt Flat race	O H O H A
WELLWOTDOUTHINK impressively beat Colour Cost 71 in 15-runner Edinburgh (2m, good) National Hunt Flat race, FERENS HALL 16th of 23 to Montehado in Cheltenham (2m, good) National Hunt Flat race, RALFAC SOV heat CYPRILS (4th better.)	2 2 2 2 2

off) 21 in 18-runner Wincanion (2m. good) National Hunt Flat race. WINTER SQUALL best Deependable 8 et Ascot (2m. good to soft) National Hunt Flat race. CYPRUS ¼ 2nd of 18 to Kelling in Ascot (2m. good to soft) National Hunt Flat race with DO BE HAVE 21 3rd RING CORBITTS 1½/2 and of 18 to Stormhead at Huntingdon (2m. 100yd, 8m) National Hunt Flat race WHY NOT EQUINAME 10 2nd to Hordscham at Kelso (2m. firm).

pick up the winning thread again at Newmarket," Chapin readiness for his flight from Paris to Louis ple-Hyam said. morrow when one of his travelling companions will be The second-season trainer none other than Arazi, his has drawn encouragement, not only from a gallop that arch rival in the Kentucky Derby a week hence.

RIPON

Rodrigo De Triano did on Tuesday, but from the fine

Habera, 5.25 Brier Creek.

Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Huffa.

DRAW, 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 FORGET-ME-NOT APPEAL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,245: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

TAKES (3-Y-U: £2,240: IIII 21) (1-T terminate)

1 5222 READY TO DRAW 10 (F) Ronald Thompson 9-5
Mick Gensaro (7) 5

2 -504 VICTOR ROMEO 3 (B,F) W Pearce 9-5. D Nicholis 10

3 -035 BETWEEN TWO FIRES 12 (F) J Berry 9-0. J Cerroit 8

4 0-66 CRIMSON CONSORT 18 Don Enrico Incides 9-0
Kim Timoter 8

2.40 SKYLINE RACING MAIDEN FILLIES

GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-Q, £2,415: 5f) (12)

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

GOING GOOD

With only Rodrigo De Tri- followed in some style two effort of stable companion Dr ano and Feminine Wiles years ago by Sanglamore.

Stakes at York

2 00-5 ASTERUX 50 (D.F.) J Bradley 4-9-13..... A Tucker (5) 5 3 000- PROPILIC 182 (CD.F.G.S) Capt J Wilson 7-9-12 J Lowe 6 2.10 Ready To Draw. 2.40 Local Heroine. 3.10 Bollin Patrick. 3.45 Pop To Stans. 4.15 Huffa. 4.50 2.10 Berween Two Fires. 2.40 Pride's Desire. 3.10 Bollin Patrick. 3.45 Furiella. 4.15 Legendary Hero. 4.50 Star Connection. 5.25 Steel Mirror.

5-1 Funcia, 6-1 iron King, 7-1 Pop To Stars, 8-1 Crystal Jack, 9-1 Petiteses, 10-1 Languadoc, 12-1 Red Rossin, 14-1 others.

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4.50 RUSHLEVEL CONSTRUCTION

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16 0463 STATION EXPRESS 12 (F) B Elison 4-7-12

3.10 c B HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £7,375: 2m) (7)

2-1 Local Heroine, 4-1 Pride's Desire, 5-1 April Point, 7-1 Just Baileys, 8-1 Lucky Mid, 10-1 Peponata, 12-1 others.

CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £.7.575: 211) (7)

1 60/0 TRAVELING LIGHT 7 (F.Q.S) Mrs J Remedon
69-10 M Hills 6
2 350- GOOD HAND 188 (CD.F.) J Walts 69-5 N Connorton 4
2 -313 STEPPEY LANE 31 (BF.F.G.S) W Heigh 7-8-10
4 /00-3 BOLLIN PATRICK 7 (C.BF.F.S) M H Easterby 7-8-9
S Majchey (9)-5
5 440- OUR AISLING 190 (D.F.) S Norton 48-1 F Norton (3) 1
6 200-4 YORKSHIRE HOLLY 18 (D.F.) M Avison 9-7-10
J Lowes 2
7 20-4 SEAN'S SCHOLAR 10 (F) C Allen 5-7-8. G Bardwell 7
1-1 Sterney Lang 7-2 Sean's Scholar, 4-1 Bollin Patrick, 5-1 3-1 Steppey Lane, 7-2 Sean's Scholar, 4-1 Bollin Petrick, 5-1 fraveiling Light, 7-1 Good Mand, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: H Cocal, 17 winners from 36 runners, 44.7%; A Stewart, 6 from 18, 33.3%, J Gosden, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Berry, 19 from 97, 19 6%, M Camacho, 6 from 37, 16.2%; B McManon, 5 from 34, 14.7%
JOCKEYS: S Davies, 3 winners from 6 ndes, 50.0%; J Carroll 12 from 82, 14.6%, K Darley, 18 from 133, 13.5%; M Hilb, 3 from 24, 12.5%, K Fallon, 8 from 80, 10.0%.

3.45 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP 1 000- RED ROSEIN 186 (CD,F,G) Capt J Wilson 6-9-13

3 000- PROPELIC 182 (CD,F,G,S) Capt J Wilson 7-9-12
J Lowe 6
4 -505 LANGUEDOC 10 (S) M Naughton 5-9-8
5 060- CRYSTAL JACK 168 (D,F,G) F Lee 4-9-8
8 060- CRYSTAL JACK 168 (D,F,G) F Lee 4-9-8
9 N Kennady (S) 7
9 0-00 MASTER POKEY 7 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-9-5 — 4
8 50-0 GLENRIELD GRETA 10 (D,F) P Felgate 4-9-3
9 4-65 IRON KNRG 5 (D,BF,F,G) J Spearing 6-8-10 N House 2
10 0513 FURIELLA 9 (D,F,G) P Hesiam 4-8-6 — K Derley 10
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1 (4) 503- EAGLE FEATHER 319 (J. Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-10-0
2 (2) 3/24-00 VALLANCE 19 (Ma P Harns) P Harns 4-9-11
3 (15) 0020-54 SURREY DANCER 17 (D,G) (C T Recing Ltd) B Hanbury 4-9-5 W Ryan 93
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5 (3) 00025-0 PRESQUE NOIR 12 (Capt M Clark) H Candy 4-9-0 W Newnea • 99
5 (9) 532510- THUNDER BUG 35J (G) (C Wright) A James 4-8-13 S Dawson 88
7 (12) 03/8404 SERIOUS TIME 313 (G Moore) Sr Mark Prescoil 48-12 G Duffield 80
8 (7) 603346/- KING OF MILEEN 589 (Mrs E Sheehan) D Shaw 6-8-9 B Rouse —
9 (13) 6500-30 JOLI'S GREAT 12 (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 4-8-9 D Biggs (3) 90
10 (8) 600-302 TANODA 7 (D.F.G.SXIM Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-9
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13 (1) 22-0066 BROUGHTON BLUES 22 (5) (8 T insulation) W Musson 4-7-12 A Mackey 91
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15 (10) 34060-0 MARJONS BOY 23 (B.D.G) (J Harnson) C Broad 5-7 E Johnson 95
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4 (6)	GARDEN DISTRICT (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont —						
5 (8)	KAISER WILHELM (C Wacker III) H Cacal 9-0 W Ryan						
6 (9)	42- REPLEDGE 170 (R Strudwick) P Cole 9-0						
7 (3)	0 ROLLING THE BONES 10 (A Mecdonald-Buchanen) J Fanahawa 9-0 6 Carter 80						
8 (10)	0- FIRST HEIRESS 183 (Fernedge Bloodstock Ltd) M Stoute 8-9 G Duffield 84						
9 (5)	00- PETTY CASH 143 (Mrs S Scarghi) Dr J Scargli 8-9 W Newnes						
10 (7)	630- STRIKING IMAGE 186 (Mrs CJ Powell) R Hannon 8-9						
BETTING: 6-5 Keiser Wilhelm, 11-2 Repledge, 7-1 Striking Image, 8-1 First Heiress, 10-1 Rolling The Bones, 12-1 Garden District, 16-1 others.							
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Irish Memory to frank Craven form

IRISH Memory, still engaged in the 2,000 Guineas, turns out at the Curragh today for the group three Dermot McCalmont Tetrarch Stakes (Our Irish Correspondent writes). A good third behind Alnasr

Alwasheek and Dr Devious in last week's Craven Stakes, Irish Memory should hold 100 many guns for English challenger Beware Of Agents from Mark Johnston's stable. Also likely to run well here is the Aga Khan's consistent filly Tarwiya.

For the Athasi Stakes, a listed race for three-year-old fillies, John Oxx relies upon recent acquisition Poolesta who was trained last season by Mick Easterby and finished third to Twafeaj and Tarwiya in the Moyglare Stud Stakes.

However, Poolesta, on very heavy ground, may be foiled by the Jim Bolger-trained Americant, Last year American won once and was twice second in three French starts for Andre Fabre.

CRICKET

Essex likely to be last champions of three-day game

By Alan Lee, Cricket correspondent

AFTER the sort of stuttering start that has brought domestic cricket into general disrepute, the real business of the season begins today. The Britannic Assurance county championship is not only the most meaningful of all the competitions, it is also the most widely followed and, it should follow, most easily

Not this year, it isn't. We kick off today with a round of four-day fixtures starting on a Saturday and there is then an irritating break of more than a week before two further rounds of four-day matches beginning on successive Thursdays. The subsequent four rounds of fixtures are of three days' duration and begin, of course, on Wednesday, Saturday, Friday and Tuesday respectively. All

It could mischievously be thought that this muddle was the devious invention of a body bent on provoking change. If so, the ploy has worked. On May 19, the counties must vote on the recommendations of the Murray Report and my information is that it is likely to be adopted by a substantial

majority.

Common sense appears to be prevailing over conservatism around the counties, due in no small part to the fact that they have been appraised and consulted every step of the working party's way. Four-day cricket, which will

bring with it a genuinely representative championship, is now commonly accepted, if with varying degrees of en-thusiasm, as the game of the

Even clubs with apparently the most to lose through the disruption of their festivals. are being converted. Gloucestershire, for instance, now believe that it will not cost them money. They are already making plans to adapt their Cheltenham festival, the longest in the calendar, to the

LIKE all first-time visitors to

the Caribbean, the South Af-

ricans were amazed by the

inter-territorial rivalries and

insularity that have always bedevilled cricket here. Their

tour coincided with as

wretched examples of these

faults as any in the history of

Acrimonious World Cup

inquests and the jeering of

Richie Richardson and

David Williams in Jamaica

were followed by the boycott

of the Barbados Test match.

Everything that happened was a reminder that — unlike

other Test teams - the West

Indies side is drawn from a

cluster of separate countries.

of the few spheres of activity

when these countries become

an entity. Otherwise, each na-

tion goes its own way, com-plete with its own currency,

government, laws, traditions

and national pride. A fanati-

ca) devotion to cricket is the

The world recession has hit the Caribbean hard, with

mounting national debts, un-

employment, increased

crime, trade problems and a

sluggish tourist industry. These factors were blamed by

Peter Short, the president of

the Barbados Cricket Associ-

ation, for this week's boycott.

solitary link.

International cricket is one

West Indian cricket.

new programme. Precious few counties remain steadfastly against reform but it will probably take more than a persuasive report and a few turncoats to convince one particular committee they should fall in line.

Essex, largely for marketing reasons, remain set in opposition, so it is richly ironic that they should start this last year of the game as we know it as defending champions, and short-priced favourites to retain the title. They are the most convinc-

ing favourites for some years. Nobody doubted the authenticity of their success last year and they now have the priceless addition of Mark Ilott's left-arm pace and the increasing maturity of such as Hussain, Knight and Shahid. Although he will miss the run-in to join Australia's tour of Sri Lanka, Mark Waugh is a good swap for Salim Malik. Essex look better equipped than ever. Such words take no ac-

count of their two heavy de-feats in the Benson and Hedges Cup this week, largely because they are of no account. Essex are an effective one-day team and they will come good again after these slips, but in limitedovers cricket there are any number of clubs of a similar standing. In three-day and, particularly, four-day cricket,

West Indies wavering in the

search for a united stand

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

"It went far beyond cricket," he said. "The action was

symptomatic of the frustra-tions people feel about the

economy and the lack of ex-

pectations they have. Sadly, it

manifested itself in this

highly emotional and dra-

long been beset by insular thinking. During the inaugu-

ral four-Test series with Eng-

land in 1929-30, it was felt

necessary to appoint a local captain for each match. Ev-

ery area was represented on

an unwieldy selection com-

mittee until the early 1970s,

each man battling to secure places for his own island. The

administrative problems for

the board of control remained

horrendous, with six member

associations and 15 separate

governments to liaise with on

Predictably, there has al-

ways been less insularity dur-

ing times of success and never

about truly great players. There could be no complaints

elsewhere when Barbados

provided Worrell. Weekes.

Walcott and Sobers, or when

Clive Lloyd moulded the side that Richards later inherited

and which dominated the

Every territory was repre-

sented on merit and, for the

world game for 15 years.

political issues.

West Indies cricket has

matic manner."

ition, and rightly so. Hampshire will be a danger to all if Gower and Mar-shall produce their best and a young Sussex side will surprise a few opponents with their two developing spin

One of these, either Brad Donelan or Ian Salisbury, could win an England tour place next winter and, in what may be an exciting summer of emerging bowlers, I fancy that both Llott and Andrew Caddick, of Somerset, will attract plenty of attention from the selectors.

first time, gifted players

emerged from the smaller is-

lands. Inside the dressing-

room, the calypso image may have occasionally been a mis-

nomer but West Indies were

never less than united on the

field as successive triumphs were reeled off. There were

West Indian supporters who could not recall a time when

their countrymen were not

That was until six months

ago, when the unfortunate Richardson was put in charge of the team just as a transi-tional period began. The or-dinary West Indian is not a

bad loser but cricket is virtu-

ally the only opportunity for global esteem. When the esteem is not forthcoming ir-

ritation sets in among those

who forget that success in

sport goes in cycles. West Indies remain great

competitors, as this week's

win against South Africa

showed. Jimmy Adams did

enough on his debut to sug-

gest he will go on to provide the ballast lacking in a side of

strokemakers. Several prom-

ising fast bowlers are waiting

in the wings. It will surely not be too long before West In-

dies are again a great power

in the world game and har-

mony returns among their

the kings of cricket.

Essex are demonstrably the

best. The champions have no

game today, another absurdi-

ty of the first round, but last

year's runners-up, Warwick-

shire, are at Trent Bridge for

the most significant of the

Nottinghamshire, having added Chris Lewis and Chris

Cairns to their strength, are

thought, by the bookmakers

at least, the likeliest challeng-

ers to Essex. Warwickshire

will disagree. They believe

they can go one better than last year, although the ab-

sence of Donald, resting after his exertions in Barbados,

Middlesex, with Haynes and Carr back among the

batsmen and Fraser feeling

his way towards full fitness.

may once more be among the title contenders. One of Mike

Gatting's most onerous tasks.

however, will be to keep the peace in the dressing-room if Ramprakash or Tuinell, gift-

ed but moody, find them-

selves out of England favour.

shire, whose trophy room is embarrassingly empty after the shattered promise of 1991, and for Yorkshire, now

that Jarvis is once more per-

forming well with the ball and Tendulkar has arrived to

charm with the bat. Further

north still, Durham will be

satisfied with a mid-table pos-

It is a big year for Lanca-

will not help them today.

opening fixtures.



They shall not pass: Clare Hawkins, of Universities, centre, blocks an attack by Colleges during their netball match at the Endsleigh festival at Birmingham University yes-terday (Mark Herbert writes). Colleges, who won 27-23, later completed a clean sweep in their six matches by beating Polytechnics 51-37. Overall, Universities won a landslide victory, scoring more points than the other sectors combined. The surprise, however, was

the performance of the Colleges, who have struggled in the past. Victory in the women's basketball yesterday eased them into second place. For the Universities. Bruce Flockhart, the Scotland badminton international, won his six matches without dropping a set to help Uni-versities win the inaugural title. Another Scot, Heather Lockhart, also finished with a 100 per cent record as the Universities took the tennis title. They also took their

after a 3-2 win against Colleges. A 0-0 draw against Universities enabled the Polytechnics footballers to regain the title from the holders on goal difference. The restructuring of the sectors this summer has left the tournament's viability next year under question. Yesterday. Endsleigh Insurance affirmed its commitment to a festival next year, providing one can be organised by whichever student bodies exist.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes fear a fast exit

By Keith Macklin

AFTER dominating the premiership final at Old Trafford for the past four seasons, Widnes are in serious danger of being tumbled out at the first hurdle. Having lost their grip on the trot against Hull last season, they travel to Central Park tomorrow and much will depend on how seriously Wigan take the premiership after allowing it to slip away last season while they concentrated on the league and Challenge Cup double.

Making things worse for the visitors is the fact that Widnes have been devastated by injuries and have 14 men on the treatment table, including Jonathan Davies, whose pelvic injury has has forced him to pull out of the summer tour to Australasia. John Monie, the Wigan

coach, may ring a few changes before or during the game to keep his Wembley side fresh for next Saturday, but if Wigan decide to go for broke he will produce a squad quite capable of beating off a muted Widnes challenge. Castleford, Wigan's oppo

nents at Wembley, also have the problem of deciding on priorities and Wakefield Trinity, Castleford's neighbours, will hope to catch them in this uncertain frame of mind in the tie at Wheldon

St Helens have seemed uncertain in defence in recent weeks, but they should make home advantage count against improved Halifax. Leeds visit Warrington, with Hanley and Co hoping to salvage something from yet another disappointing season. However, Warrington are a match for any team at their Wilderspool stronghold.

ATHLETICS

South Africa's integration looks on track for success

FROM DAVID MILLER IN GERMISTON, SOUTH AFRICA

SIZA Ndlovu, from Soweto. used to be a champion 200 metres competitor, but her serious running was largely confined, by apartheid, to events in Swaziland. Last night, for the first time in her life, she attended a meeting in her own country. The ticket

The bloodless social and political revolution being achieved by sport - in contrast to inter-black township violence - took another significant step with the second leg of the African Unity athletics meeting. "These are new. important times,"
Ndlovu said. "Things are
happening, and they are
good."

The first international meeting on South African soil to be truly non-racial was an historic moment. About a quarter of the crowd of 8,000 at this white-dominated satellite city of Johannesburg were non-white, both in the grandstand and on the grassy mound surrounding the other two-thirds of the track, where it cost £2. Last night's travelling difficulty from the cousins or brothers: Awature townships and many more are expected to attend today

The crowd cheered everything that moved as though they were children at Disneyland. It is impossible to describe the elation being experienced by ordinary whites, at being again accepted by the rest of the world as no longer contaminated, by blacks for the simplest of all

reasons. For being people.
Thanks to the Nedbank sponsorship of 1.7 million rand, as well as 2.4 million from the government — negotiated by Primo Nebiolo this two-leg meeting was saved from cancellation. Over two weekends, South Africa's status within Africa and within the International Amateur Athletic Federation

(IAAF) has been cemented. Proceedings last night were opened by a marching cere-mony: black drummers, black majorettes, black cheerleaders. Integration is reaching all corners. Foreign African dignitaries were ap-

Eleyae, of Nigeria, the gener-al secretary of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, and his president, Ahmed Saad, of Tunisia, Chief Alex Akinyele, minister of youth and sport in Nigeria, Lamine Diack, of Senegal, masterand an IAAF vice-president. Steve Tshwete, whose liai son on behalf of the African

National Congress has opened so many doors, said in his address to the crowd: "This is the first such meeting for a very long time, and will always be remembered in the history of athletics and of sport in our country." South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games from 1964 until last year, and by the LAAF from 1976.

Maybe the most significant

event of South Africa's celebration during these few days is the application by Jan Burger, the mayor of Johannesburg, to stage the athletics world championships of 1997. Such an election would really put South Africa back

Fredericks closes on record

FROM DAVID MILLER

mibia, last night ran the second fastest 100 metres on South African soil when he won the opening men's race of the African Unity meeting in Germiston in 10.09sec (David Miller writes). This puts him 0.01 sec inside Carl Lewis's fastest this year.

The South African record

FRANK Fredericks, of Na-

of 10.06 was set by Johan Rossouw in 1988. Last night. Fredericks beat Rossouw by almost two metres at South Africa's first non-racial inter-

national meeting.
A fluctuating 5,000 metres saw the first defeat of the year for John Ngugi, of Kenya, the recent world cross country champion. In a sprint down the finishing straight. Rich-ard Chelimo, of Kenya, the world junior record-holder with 13:12.22, edged ahead by a couple of feet to win in the slowish time of 13:48 after some slow early laps. Haile Silasie, of Ethiopia.

made the running mid-race. and was then challenged by Patrick Koatsane, of South Africa, Ngugi, and Xolile Yawa, of South Africa, but with five laps to go, Chelimo surged to the front and looked as if he would shake off Ngugi. Paul Bitok made a chall-

enge with a lap-and-a-half to go and on the run-in edged ahead of Yawa to finish third

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TENNIS

Stich is stuck in slow traffic

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MONTE CARLO

DEFEAT for Michael Stich completed the rout of the top seeds in the Monte Carlo Open yesterday. Stich, the No. 3 seed, was beaten in three seesaw sets by Goran Prpic. who is the least pronouncable, though not the least expected of a strange assortment of semi-finalists. That accolade goes to the Frenchman. Boetsch, who took a set to find his feet before beating Carl-Uwe Steeb 1-0, 0-2, 6-0. Of the original 16 seeds, only the lowest, Aaron Krickstein, has survived to the last four. The American had a relatively straightforward passage against Andrei Chesnokov, but he must be as surprised as everyone else to be the last one standing, not least because he has rarely done himself justice on clay. Unlike his countryman. Becker, the previous day, the Wimbledon champion at least showed signs of a return to form. He has struggled to

motivate himself after winning four titles last year — on four different surfaces — and has not enjoyed much of a year. He has yet to reach a final and only came to Monte Carlo at the eleventh hour after an early exit in Hong Kong. He took a wild card partly. he said, to get on to clay as quickly as possible and partly to surprise himself, to break up his schedule.

Unfortunately, somewhere along the road, he seems to have mislaid the winning habit. He plays with his foot flat to the floor the whole time, which is fine when the engine is purring smoothly, not so good when it is misfir-ing. Instead of pressing the accelerator harder, the German might be better off taking a look inside the bonnet.

Not that anything was wrong with his heart. Twice, in the first and third sets, he fought back from a break down to level, only to throw away his psychological advantage through a series of errors, either on the service or the volley. A forehand and a backhand volley, both long, gave the Croatian the decisive break, though Prpic was barely in a fit state to serve out the match and needed four match-points before completing a 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 victory in

two hours and 37 minutes. "I was very tired and very nervous at the end." Prpic said. "I was just praying to God that Michael was going to miss the ball."

Stich vented his frustration mainly on his racket, which was thrown to all corners either in pursuit of Prpic's groundstrokes or in pure anger, but turned on the umpire, Gerry Armstrong, when a net cord was not called at 5-5 in the third set. "That rather messed me up," he said.
"But that's tennis."

Boetsch, who made his singles debut in the Davis Cup against Switzerland, has clearly benefited from that traumatic defeat and once he had calmed, his nerves was too strong for Steeb, winning the last eight games and completing a miserable 24 hours for Germany.

He now meets the formida-

ble left-hander Thomas Muster, a finalist here two years ago, who needed three sets and all his considerable determination to end the gallant challenge of the Swedish qualifier. Mikael Tillstroem. At least something went according to form.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: A Knckstem (US) bit A Cheanokov (CS), 6-1, 7-6; G Proje (Croata) bit M Stich (Ger), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; A 80-45, 6-7, bit C U Sheeb (Ger), 1-4, 6-2, 5-0, 7 Muster (Austra) bit M Tillstroem (Swe), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3

The Wigan brothers who are a code apart

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE brothers Gregory are scrum-halves in a rugby-mad town. Both entertain the Wigan public. But although their respective stages are only four miles apart, in every other respect they are worlds apart.

As understudy to Dewi Morris, of England, at Orrell rugby union club. Bryn Gregory, aged 28, will get a beer from his share of the second XV's after-match kitty. Brother Andy, two years older, is one of Wigan's richest, most complete professionals, sharing a peg at Central Park on rugby league's millionaires' row.

Such are the perversities of success in a place unlike any other, where the greater love of the game transcends

Andy Gregory is one of nine Wigan schoolboys in the Wigan first XIII, and one of seven juniors from the Wigan St Patrick's club going on this summer's Great Britain tour of Australia. "I was the luckier of Bryn and me I suppose." Gregory said. "But in Wigan, you might as well be born with

an oval ball in your hands." The pier, insignificant though it is, remains the town's enduring symbol of toil. Coal from 50 local pits was heaved onto barges there. Now, it is a restored relic earning the town a meagre pension. Should the day arrive and Central Park and Edge Hall Road join the

tourist map, then Wigan

really will have died. There

rugby's traditional divided are no mines left but rugby and its attendant fanaticism are seemingly bottomless

Wigan and Orrell are the embodiment of a sporting culture without precedent. Their success, like the fortitude of the town itself, is testimony to Darwin's theory: the fittest do indeed

One man's muck of a town is another's brass, and the glistening George Orwell hostelry on the road to Wigan pier is occupied on a bitter April lunchtime by a handful of tourists. History, of a more tangible

kind, is being played out at The Griffin down the road. Here, a legend of the Fifties and Sixties pulls pints round the corner from the Central Park ground he graced. Billy

Boston's greatness remains unquestioned in his adopted

The Welshman orchestrates the bar-room chatter in the way he inspired Wigan on the right wing: a third championship in the bag; a record fifth successive Challenge Cup a week today? Surely, this is the best team ever? "Fanatical is not the word," Boston said. "The intensity is all-consuming."

Four miles away at the Stanbrook Arms, run by Dave Cleary, one of Orrell's most durable forwards, the conversation is dour. That wretched opportunist dropped goal by Huw Davies for Wasps two weeks ago effectively snuffed out the side's Courage Clubs Championship quest.

struggle is a constant theme. In 20 years, a junior club has evolved against all odds into the North's leading union outfit. The battle is ever harder against the tidal wave of league influence produced by Wigan's dominance.

Aside from amateur rugby league's stranglehold, only one of 57 schools in Wigan now bothers with union. Des Seabrook, Orrell's chairman of rugby, said: "It's a shoeor rugoy, said: it's a shoe-string operation and we have to carefully nurture what is left after league has skimmed off the cream of young talent."

Orrell's strength, like Wigan, is its junior set-up and the family ties that flourish. In this corner of Lancashire, the two codes are brothers in arms. For Orrell, perpetual although the professional game is still warily regarded as the predator.

It is a phenomenon neatly explored by Martin Short's six-part BBC2 series, Up and Under, which started last night, an admiring. fly-on-the-wall look. Long on tri-umph and trauma, it follows Wigan's and Orrell's seasons and is studied with celebrities, among them the ebullient wheeler-dealering Maurice Lindsay, bookmaker and chairman of Wigan.

Lindsay's fervant desire is that the carping about the town will stop with the pro-gramme. "People might realise that rugby here is about the pursuit of excellence," he said. If the clubs' success even became just history then "a land fit for heroes" would be a fitting epitaph



Sibling rivals: Andy. left, and Bryn Gregory

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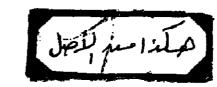
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The image that does Lineker proud

ccording to the law of A averages, Gary Lineker will finish his English League career in the appropriate manner. He will score either this or next weekend. Throughout his 14 years with Leicester City, Everton, Barcelona and Tottenham Hotspur, he has maintained a strike-rate of a goal every 167 minutes.

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With 27 in 33 appearances for Tottenham this season, he has been even more efficient than usual, and promises to bow out as the first division's leading scorer, which might indicate that he is retiring prematurely. But that is how he intended to go, at the top of his profession.

It is a testament to his character and ability that he should maintain his lofty standards in a season during which his baby son, George, was stricken with leukaemia and his club wallowed in midtable. The captain of England, he also led the nation to the finals of the European

There could have been no more deserving recipient of the FWA's Footballer of the Year Award. We shall not soon see the like of him again. He himself may have no regrets about leaving and those sentiments will doubtless be echoed by the first division's defenders who have been so regularly tormented by him.

A dignified and genial ambassador off the pitch, he has never been cautioned on it. He shares the extraordinary statistic with another gentleman, Bobby Charlton, whose record of 49 international goals he will surely surpass by claiming the three he requires within the next couple of

"The image is a bit sickening, and goody goody." Lineker says. "My family know what I'm like." Deliberately, he pauses. "Sickeningly goody goody. I might go up to the referee in the last minute at Old Trafford next Saturday and smack him on the

It occurred to Lineker several months ago that his own critical event for Manchester

By Louise Taylor

AN IDENTIKIT of the ideal

football manager would

probably bear an uncanny

resemblance to Brian Little.

The stuff of chairmen's

dreams, he has made a profit

in the transfer market while

leading Leicester City to the

brink of the Premier League.

As if that were not enough,

Little also preaches attractive

football and is accessible to

A year ago Leicester were

fighting for their second divi-

sion lives but today at Upton

Park they aim to beat Charlton Athletic to gain three of the four points re-

quired to ensure promotion.

Leicester have won seven of

their last eight games but Charlton will be boosted by the prospect of a play-off

They hope that Leaburn

and Lee pass fitness tests in

time to help maintain a run

that has seen the London side

unbeaten in its last nine

Little is likely to top

Newcastle United's shortlist

for a manager if, as expected.

Kevin Keegan departs in the summer. By then United

could be in the third division

supporters and press.

Smart Jones, football correspondent, pays tribute to the goal-scoring talents of Gary Lineker, who today plays his

last home match for Tottenham

there," he predicted, "and play as badly as we've played everywhere else. Seriously, though, it will be a new expe-

rience with nothing at stake for us, and possibly everything for them." A couple of years ago at Old Trafford, he achieved one of from outside the area. Invari-

his ambitions. He scored ably, he works at closer range and perfected his art during his three years at Barcelona after relying principally on his exceptional pace for the benefit of Leicester and "I started working out how

to attack space," he explains. "If a cross is coming in and you wait to see where the ball is going, that is what the defender does. If you move before the ball is crossed, you will be a yard ahead of the

"Nine times out of ten, the ball won't go anywhere near you, but on the one occasion it does, you've got a chance." His instinct is incomparably acute. As he puts it: "I know what I'm doing in the six-yard box, and I know where

e demonstrated that vividly to a global audience during the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, where he finished as the leading scorer. The tournament. and the tie against Poland in particular, remains the fondest of many golden memories. In attracting Barcelona's attentions, it moulded his future.

He recognised that the 1990 World Cup would be his last. "Not many strikers in the modern game play at that level when they are 33. I could always do a 20-minute stint like Roger Milla. I'll leave my 'phone number with Graham Taylor just in case." England's manager will rely heavily on his captain

Little is stuff of dreams

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DERBY COUNTY: Today: Bristol City (a). May 2: Swindon Town (h).

and that likelihood will in-

crease should they lose to

promotion-chasing Ports-

mouth, managed by Jim

Smith, once in charge at

Newcastle, at St James' Park.

Ipswich Town require one point from their visit to Oxford United to ensure promo-

tion, while Blackburn Rovers

pin their hopes on reaching

the play-offs, after winning

only one match in their last

13 games. Beating Millwall — whose plans for a £15

million all-seat stadium at

Senegal Fields have been ap-

- at Ewood Park today

would help. Whatever the result, the

outcome of Middlesbrough's

home match with Bristol

proved by Lewisham council

ionship in Sweden in June, but Lineker can foresee several talented youngsters coming through. Ian Wright. Hirst, Campbell, and Merson are the candidates he mentions by name, and their ability to adapt will be the decisive

"My partnership with Peter Beardsley was prolific because our styles were totally different. He dropped deep and took defenders out of the way. That left the box free for me. The fewer people there are in there, the easier it is. Often your own team-mates can take up the space.

"To succeed, you need to be ambitious, you need to be intelligent enough to work out how to escape from a marker and a sweeper, and you need lots of luck. It is pointless looking for the same type of player as me, but I think there is a lot of promise. His optimism extends to

Tottenham, too, although glory may not be gained instantly. The manner in which they achieve it though, is im-portant. "The successful teams are still the ones with the quality players," he points out. "And they play the game the way that it should be played."

This afternoon he will appear for the last time at White Hart Lane and it is apt that Everton should be the opposition. "I'm pleased about that because I can say goodbye to both sets of fans." The occasion is sure to be emotional. So will that at Old

As long as his son continues to respond to treatment, Lineker plans to relax during the summer before preparing for his new venture with Grampus Eight in Japan. "It would be nice to play proper families for a while," he says. No one can begrudge him his

CAMBRIDGE UNITED: Today: Port Vale (n). May 2: Sunderland (a).
CHARLTON ATHLETIC: Today: Laicestar City (n). April 28: Trasmere Rovers (n). May 2: Bristol Rovers (a).
SLACKBURN ROVERS: Today: Mitwell (n). April 29: Sunderland (n). May 2: Plymouth Argyle (a).
PORTSMOUTH: Today: Newcastle United (a). April 29: Brighton (a). May 2: Barnsley (n).
SWINDON TOWN: Today: Plymouth Argyle (a). April 27: Sunderland (a). May 2: Derby (a).

Rovers and Cambridge

United's with Port Vale will

be anxiously awaited by Ken-ny Dalglish, the Blackburn

manager.
Denis Smith and Marco

Gabbiadini could be forgiven for watching the FA Cup final with mixed feelings. The manager_Sunderland dis-

missed in December is now in

charge at Bristol City while

the forward he nurtured was sold to Crystal Palace in the autumn before swiftly mov-

ing on to Derby County. Gabbiadini's hopes of play-

ing at Wembley a fortnight after Sunderland, in the play-off final, will be boosted if

County truimph at the City

side managed by his former



Going for goal: Lineker wants to bow out for Spurs in the grand manner

Chelsea v Arsenal

rty at night back, lan Porterfield the home manager whose position is the subject of some speculation.

Coventry v West Ham

Billy Bonds's side will be con-demned to the second division should it loses today. Coventry, who need points to preserve their Premier League claims, are con-cerned to prevent Luton leapfrog-ging them. Don Howe's side is already without the suspended Pearce in defence and could lose Billing after a fitness test.

C Palace v Sheff Wed

When Wednesday walloped Palace 4-1 earlier in the season, the champlonship was the least thing on their minds. Travor Francis's team is now the dark horse for the title and will be determined to consolidate the claim to at least a Update place. The cause will be helped if Hirst, troubled by an achilkes tendon injury, is passed fit. Palace are without the injured Mortimer and Rodger so Gordon, aged 19, keeps his place.

Luton v Aston Villa Luton must win as they chase Coventry and the possibility of staying up. Harford will have a pain-killing injection in his knee before embarting on what promises to be an inferesting dual with McGrath, in the visiting defence. Vilta give Sosnich his debut in goal in place of Spink. With Regis and Olney facing

Man City v Notts County Mike — aged 18. Manchester-born and leading scorer in the Maine Road juniors — makes his first appearance for City slongside Quinn in attack for City. Pointon is suspended so Brightwell moves to left back and Hill comes in at right back. County seem resigned to the second division next season, not to mention losing Neil Warnock, their manager. Injuries dictate that Lund, a transfer-listed forward, plays at centre half.

Norwich v Wimbledon

Norwich v Wimbledon

Norwich have gone to pieces since losing an FA Cup semi-final to Sunderland and could do with a point to guarantee Premier League involvement. Seven successive defeats have raised question marks about Deve Stringer's managerial future at Carrow Road and he drops Sutch and Power for Culverhouse and Phillips. Johnson, aged 17, retains his place in the midfield. Earle will hope to add to his tally of 12 goals this season.

Nottm Forest v QPR Bardsley, included in the England party for the trip to the CIS, will want to impress for OPFI. Brian Clough's side is likely to persist with Nigel Clough in central defence. Alongside him, Walker will almost certainly make his final home appearance for Forest before

Southampton v Oldham

Southampton's final home match of Southernprior single normal nation and the season will surely represent Alan Shearer and Matthew Le Tissier's tast game at The Deli before seven-figure transfers. Maddison and Powell could be

FOR THE RECORD

Tottenham v Everton

Lineker plays his last game at White Hert Lane for Tottenham against one of this former clubs. Everton could be without Keown, who has back trouble, and are definitely lacking Watson, Ebbreil, Cottee and Johnston. Beardsley, once Linekar's partner in the England attack, could spoil Tottenham's party, which would prove extra special should Lineker score his exhibits one for the club. eightieth goal for the club.

Liverpool v Man Utd Liverpool v Man Utd
Such is their local rivery that a
United championship is the last
thing Liverpool want. As if that were
not sufficient incentive, the Merseyside players are also pressing for
FA Cup final places. Wright, Burrows, Whelan, Thomas, Jones and
Saunders are all in contention for
recalls, but Hooper continues in
goal. The big question is whether
Alex Ferguson, the United manager, will bury the hatchet with
Webb and recall him to the midfield.

Sheff Utd v Leeds Sheff Util v Leeds
George Courtney's last game before retiring as a referee should
prove memorable. Leeds will be
champions if they win and
Manchester United lose at
Liverpool. Leeds await the outcome
of a fitness test on Strachan's
strained leg, but have Hodge
waiting in the wings. Davison, on
loan from Leeds, is not allowed to
play for United, leaving Bryson,
Cork, Bradshaw and Marwood to
compate for his place.

compete for his place. ☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

GOLF

Miller escapes a lost weekend by sharing the lead

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CANNES

MIKE Miller was asked after the second round of the Cannes Open yesterday what he normally did at the weekends. "Normally? What's all this 'normally?" the Scot responded, mock peeved.

He had just had a round of 68 at Cannes Mougins, to take the lead on 135, nine under par, an unaccustomed position for a man who had missed six cuts in ten starts this season.

Of course, if he did what one old-timer on the US tour used to do with his spare weekends, he would not be admitting to it. The Ameri-can missed cuts on a regular basis but still made all his money at the weekends — by robbing banks.

Miller, who had his 41st birthday on Wednesday, at-tributed his revival to two things — a putting tip from Nick Job and concentrating on a slow, rhythmic backswing, nothing too technical. The Scot had wondered if his visit to the press room was necessary. "Per-Ulrik'll be in in a minute," he said, "and I'll be yesterday's man." He was right, in that Per-Ulrik Johansson did follow him in immediately with a 69, but unlike the day before, the young Swede was level with Miller, not ahead of him. Later, Anders Forsbrand, the

first round leader, shot 70 to join them, three shots clear of Peter Teravainen, Quentin Dabson, Derrick Cooper and David Gilford, who had a 65. the best score of the day. David Feherty, the defending champion and anxiously expectant parent, missed the cut with a 79.

Ian Woosnam came in with

to receive the news that Jim Elkins, of Benson and Hedges, thought he owed it to St Mellion this year (after two rounds in the eighties last year), with no little dignity. "I did my best," Woosnam, who had flown in from winning the Masters, said. "I hadn't missed a cut for about four years and I was as disappoint-

ed as anybody."

LEADING QUALIFIERS (GB and Ireland unless stated): 135: M Miler. 67, 68: P-U Johansson (Swe), 86, 69: A Forstrand (Swe), 85, 70: O Debson (F), 70, 89: D Giltord, 73, 65: P Teravisiren (US), 69: B 139: C Montgomeire. 70, 69: C Mason, 72, 67: P Watton, 71, 68: 140: D R Jones. 71, 89: R Karisson (Swe), 71, 69: C Mason, 72, 67: P Watton, 71, 68: 140: D R Jones. 71, 71, 71, 71, 72 D Silva (Port, 69, 71: R Hartmann (US), 71, 69; J Townsend (US), 70, 77, 63: T Watton, 72, 66: J Rutisedge (Carl), 74, 69: C Van der Vecte (Neth), 71, 69: 141: S Grappesonn (II), 70, 71. F Nobilo (NZ), 71, 77; D Silva (Port, 69, 72, P Carry, 74, 67: W Matley (US), 70, 71. M Clayton (Aus), 72, 69: A Johnstone (Zim), 69, 72 142: A Sorensen (Den), 70, 72: R McFarters, 70, 72: R Claydon, 73, 69; V Singh (Fijl, 67, 75; E Derty, 74, 68, D Dumian, 72, 70; J Sewell, 72, 70; F Lindgren (Swe), 71, 71: B Lane, 72, 70; R Waison, 75, 57; I Woosney, 74, 68. P Proc., 68, 74; 6 Day (US), 72, 70: D A Russell, 71, 71, J Hanggmen (Swe), 71, 71

BOXING

Eubank can cash in against Jarvis

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

CHRIS Eubank must gather himself for the second defence of his World Boxing Organisation super-middleveight title tonight at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester. What love he had for boxing has gone following the pain of living with the memory of Michael Watson's condition and of the death of a man in a car crash in which Eubank was involved.

"How much is a man supposed to take?" his trainer, Ron Davies, says. Eubank does not intend to take too more. He has that he will retire this year. He is simply carrying on to ensure security for his wife.

Karron, and two sons. His money is invested in property and if the market had not been hit by the recession he would have given up against Steve Cruz.

have three more fights," he said. "I can't afford to rest." This will be Eubank's seventh world championship bout in two-and-a-half years, and, after his poor showing against Thulane Malinga many believe he is in danger of burning out. His opponent, John Jarvis, aged 35, is just the man to tell Eubank about breaks. After

boxing by now, "I'm going to

being stopped in six rounds by Buster Drayton in 1985, Jarvis broke off for two-and-ahalf years. He took another break, of 18 months, in 1988. in 1990 took 12 months off and lately has had another eight months away. ☐ Tonight, in Belfast, Paul

Hodkinson, the World Boxing Council featherweight champion, defends his title

YACHTING

Conner battles back

San Diego: Just as everyone had begun to write him off. Dennis Conner came back to record his first victory against Bill Koch's America³ in the America's Cup defender trials final on Thursday (Barry Pickthall writes).

In the challenger trials final, 11 Moro di Venezia had no answer to the greater lightair speed displayed by New Zealand. But both beaten crews failed to capitalise on early advantages. Koch's team threw away an

early three-length lead by fail-ing to cover Stars & Stripes

break in the series. Stars & Stripes held an 11-second lead at the weather mark and extended the advantage to more than a minute on the following downwind leg. Paul Cayard, the Il Moro skipper, had Rod Davis pinned down at the leeward end of the challengers' start, but instead of pressing home his advantage, tacked away.

RESULTS: Defender trials (best of 13); Fourth race: Stare & Stripes (D Conner) bt Amence³ (W Koch), 33bect. Overall: Amer-ce³ lead 3-1 Challenger trials (best of mes) Fourth race: New Zealand (R Davis) tt II Moro at Venceia (P Cayerd, II), 2min 26sec Overall: New Zealand lead 3-1

TENNIS

IN SPIES Butler hits form

Marathon selectors keep policy

Britain's marathon selectors. criticised in some quarters for picking their Olympic team before the London Marathon, announced yesterday an unchanged selection policy for the 1993 world championships in Stungart. While leaving scope to fill

vacancies after their selection deadline of January 31, the three men's and three women's places would be filled ideally six months prior to the championships", which are from August 14 to 22.

Cullen on target Hockey: England started

their pursuit of the home countries women's crown in Cork with a 1-0 victory over Scotland yesterday. Tina Cullen scored the goal.

Mayock selected

Athletics: John Mayock will lead off the British team in the inaugural world road relay championships in Madeira next month.

TEAMS Men: J Mayock, D Clarke, D Lewis, A Bristow, J Sherban, C Walker Women: L York, M Sutton, V McPherson, A Bell, I Adam, J Clague

Golf: The PGA European Seniors Tour was given a soggy send-off in its inaugural tournament, the Gary Player Anvil Classic, at St Pierre yesterday. David But-ler, of Coombe Wood, who had laser eye surgery a fortnight ago and is unable to focus on the ball with his right eye, scored a level-par 71, one shot behind the leader, Tommy Horton.

Bottled pride Football: Good-luck messages stuck into milk bottles collected in his round in Baildon, Bradford, have revealed west Yorkshire's pride in Gordon Rayner's efforts at Guiseley, who defend the FA Vase against Wimborne Town at Wembley today.

Hill wins award Cricket: Alan Hill won the

Cricket Society's jubilee literary award for the second time for his biography of Herbert

Szalay returns

Fencing: Gyongyì Szalay, of Hungary, returns to the Northgate Sports Centre, Ipswich this weekend to defend her title in the Ipswich Cup Agrade competition.

ATHLETICS GERMISTON, South Airica: Unity Garnes: Men: 100m: F Fredericks (Nem), 10.08eac. Women: 100m: M Winider (SA), 11.37.

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Wight D, Bury 3; Spen Valley 2; Gasport 4;
Sheffield 5, High Wycombe 2; Huntingdon
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Oxford 2, Peterborough 7; Doncester 3,
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Northumberland 3; Lancashire 1, Hempshire A D, Avon 0, Lincoinshire A 1;
Warwickshire 2, Dorset 0; West Yorkshire 1,
Herifordshire 3; Hereford and Worcester 2, Cumbris 6; McGlesex 2, North
Yortshire 0; Mercelyside 8 0, Essex 8 1;
Humberside 8 1, Kent B 4, Shropshire 8 1,
Derbyshire B 5; Shropshire A 0, Humbersids A 2; Durham 1, Marseyside 2;
Derbyshire A 3, Essex A 3; Greater
Manchester 1, South Yorkshire 3; Donegal 0, USA North 4; Kent A 1, Independent
Schoots 1; Cornwell 0, Inner London 3;
USA East 2; Cheshire 1; Lincolnshire B 0,
Hampshire B 6; Northumberland B 0, Kent
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Late results on Thursday NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Arsensi D, Norwich 1: Crystal Palace D,

ate results on Thursday B AND O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 1. Rangers 2.
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Burnley 3, York 1: Middlesbrough 0,

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Replay: Bohemians 3, 51 Jemes 2 Gale 1.
WENDY FAIR CAPTIAL LEAGUE: Wycombe Wanderers 3, Leyton Orient 2.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 6, Pitraburph Prates 3: New York Meia 1. St Louis Cardinals 0 (13 innings); Philadelphis Philade 8, Chicago Cubs 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Mitwaukse Brewars 3. Boston Red Sox 2, Seattle Mariners 3, Mannesota Twins 2; Toronto Blue Jaye 15, Cleveland Indians 8; Datroit Tigers 11. Texas Rengers 5; Baltimore Orioles 8, Kassa City Royals 1.

BASKETBALL MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Playoffs: Eastern Corrierence: Cleveland
Cavallers 120, New Jersey Nets 113
(Cleveland lead best of fire-series, 1-0):
Boston Calitics 124, Indiana Pacera 11.
(Boston lead, 1-0): Western Corrierence:
Saxtile Supersonics 117, Colden State
Warnfors 109 (Seattle lead, 1-0); Portland
Trail Bitzars 115, Los Angeles Lakers 102
(Portland lead, 1-0).

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CRICKET

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M Patel 4-73]; Kent 428-8 dec (N Long
117, I Baldock 86, A Planck 82; A Van
Troost 4-70] and 2-0. Kent won by 10
wkta. Liverpool; Lancashire 271-4 dec (R
Iram 83, S P Tichard 75) and 224-8 dec (R
Iram 83, S P Tichard 75) and 224-8 dec (R
Iram 78); Derbyshire 236 (C Rogers 78, R
Farrow 55) and 173-8 (J Fisking 5-53).
Match drawn.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Headingley; Yorkshire 309 (C White 168; A Cotton
4-85) and 294-8 dec (K Sharp 92, B Parter
87; Cotton 5-63; Young England 428-9
dec (M Windows 165, M Loye 28, G
Chapple 56; G Keedy 5-102) and 21-0. Chapple 56; G Keedy 5-102) and 21-Q. Metch drawn.

GOLF GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 67: B Clasr, J Maggert, R Gemez, W Britton, P Blackmar, K Peny, Se. L T Brock, R Rafferty (Ire), P Azinger, M Brooks, M Reid, D Ogrin, 69: J Delaina, E Dougherty, C Back, B Reseher, B Bryant, 70: K Triplett, R Black, R Estes, M Donald, Fauran, P Stevant, T Krite, F Couples, J Sluman, G Halberg, R Loftr, M Standly, L Roberts, R Cochan, B McCalister, M Hulbert, D Frost (SA), G Sauere, J Mahaffey, D Peoples, P Persons, D Martin, C Cooper, J McGovern, M Dawson. ST PIERRE, Chepetow: Gary Players Saniors' Classic: Laeding first-round scores: 70: T Horton (Roynal Jersey), 71: D Butler (Coontbe Wood), 73: N Coles (unstrached), 75: D Snall (Hellidon Lakes), 76: A Bickerofike (Butlatin's, Ger), 77: H Muscroft (La Bresse, Fr), B Carler (Castle Hewke), 79: P Butler (RAC), 90: D Talbot (Royal Mid-Surrey), I, Platta (Three Rivers), R Sota (Sp), A Rice (US), Round Incomplete — rain GOLF

Incomplete — rein
TOKYO: Men's tournement: Leading
second-round scores (Japan unless
stated): 140: T Pernico (US), 67, 73, 143;
K Idok, 73, 70: G Berns (US), 27, 71: B
Frankin (Can), 70, 73; B Jobe (US), 70, 73;
K Ole, 70, 73; 144; K Murota, 73, 71;
Other score: 153; S Balleeteros (Sp), 77,
76 (missed cut). SNOOKER

SNEOKER

SNEFFIELD: Embassy world professional championship: First round (Eng unless stated): C. Small (Scot) bit D Mountjoy (Waise), 10-7. Frame acones (Small first); 63-28. 1-76, 45-43, 55-51, 32-70, 111-17, 73-4, 47-64, 25-73, 193-60, 71-42, 60-47, 73-61, 4-77, 20-61, 79-31, 78-34. Second round: J Parrott leads A Knowles 12-4. Frame acones (Parrott first); 94-18, 24-76, 73-59, 67-15, 75-43, 30-112, 0-80, 74-1, 3-76, 87-33, 71-63, 85-6, 64-69, 115-87, 113-13, 82-48, P Endon leads M Clark, 12-4. Frame acores (Ebdon first); 67-33, 6-97, 59-40, 21-100, 81-9, 88-15, 87-8, 68-67, 97-24, 74-0, 86-4, 64-25, 92-20, 35-76, 47-52, 79-0, M Price leads A McMainus (Scot), 62. Frame acores (Price first); 60-18, 69-49, 34-70, 75-43, 13-81, 65-48, 79-0, 69-57.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): First-round play-offs: Patrick division: New Jersey Devils 3, New York Rangers 1 (Devils lead past-of-seven series, 2-1): Fittaburgh Panguirs 6, Weshington Capitols 4 (Capitols lead, 2-1). Adams division: Hartiord Whalers 5, Montreel Caractiens 2 (Caractiens lead, 2-1): Boston Bruins 3, Burfalo Sabres 2 (Bruins lead, 2-1) TAMPERE. Fishand: Women's world championship: Group A: Canada 6, Sweden 1, Group 8: United States 5, Finland 3, Semi-finals: Canada v Finland; US v Sweden.

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Premiership: First round replay: Keigh-ley 26, Bramley 23.

REAL TENNIS

HEAL I ENNIS

BORDEAUX: Beaturest Cup international amateur team championship: England 3, Australia 0, Coupe de Bordeaux amateur championship: Second round (France unless stated). R Gunn (GB) bit J Howe (US), 36, 63, 63; 93 G Prats bit R Dahmi, 62, 6-1, C Chewca bit J Mayne (Aus), 5-4, 8-4; M McMurruph (GB) bit C Bianchot, 6-2, 6-2; J Snow (GB) bit E Bianchot, 6-2, 6-2; J Snow (GB) bit E Bianchot, 6-2, 6-2; Snow (GB) bit E Bianchot, 6-2, 6-2; Snow (GB) bit S Rigg (Aus), 6-2, 6-2. N Pendrigh (GB) bit S Rigg (Aus), 6-2, 6-2. C Slewers (Aus) beat G Baker Jr (US), 6-3, 6-4.

SEACOURT: Havilno Island: Gacorne BEACOURT, Hayling Island: George Wimpey British open championship: Second round: F Macritish bi F Syson, 6-5, 6-0; A Cockcrott bi J Brown, 6-1, 6-1; S Macritish bi V Hom. 6-3, 5-6, 6-1; M Groszek bi V Dawes, 6-0, 5-2

WEIGHTLIFTING SZEKSZARD, Kungary: European championships: 52kg: S Minchev (Bul), 255kg. 58kg: I hranov (Bul), 272.5. 80kg: N Peehatov (Bul), 312.5. 57.5kg: Y Yotov (Bul), 337.5. 75kg: Y Kuzzerbov (CS), 365.0; 11, A Morgan (GS), 306kg (anatch 137.5. jerk 167.5; Morgan qualifies for Olympic Games). 82.5kg: I Samadov (CS), 370kg.

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SPEEDWAY GOLD CUP: First division: |pswich 51, Swindon 39, Second division: Middles-brough 52, Glasgow 38; Sheffield 48, Newcastle 42.

SQUASH RACKETS

OSLO: European junior team champonship: Final: England 2, Fmiland 1 (England reames first. S Cosee loss to J Raumolin, 0.9, 5.9, 9.7, 3.9.; Hennie br S Kontilion, 95. 3.9, 6.9, 9.5, 7.5 Felton bi S Vanhanen, 9.0, 9.1, 9.0), Play-offin Third place: Germany 2, Netherlands 1. Filth: Spein 2, France 1, Seventh: lanesi 2, Austria 1, Nirth: Sweden 2, Wales 2, Austria 1, Nirth: Sweden 2, Wales 1, Sweden names first. D Forskind bit O Evans, 9-4, 9-3, 9-4, M Angberg br M Crowley, 9-6, 7-9, 6-9, 9-1, 9-2; U Noren lost to K Bowen, 1-9, 1-9, 5-9, 19-9-5; L Mylottle bit H Gabl, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 1-9, 9-5; L Mylottle bit H Gabl, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 1-9, 9-5; L Mylottle bit H Gabl, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 1-9, 9-5; L Mylottle bit H Gabl, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 1-9, 19-1; Levinon Select bit Leekes Wizzfofs, 2-1 (London names first: C Dittimar bit C Robertson, 9-6, 2-9, 9-5, 10-9, 9-4, M Maclean lost to P Carter, 9-2, 5-9, 10-9, 9-6).

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CADIZ: 470 world champlonships: Man:

1, Mattee and Michel kvaldi (II); 2, Sandro
and Paolo Monlefusco (II). 3, H
Johannassen and P McCarthy (Neth); 5, J
Robinson and H Calder (GB). 8, P
Brotherton and A Hemmings. Women: 1,
T Zabell and P Caerra (Sp); 2, Y Suge and
A Kinoshita (Japan); 3, N Bover and I
Martin (Sp); 11, D Jarvis and R Tribe (GB).

VILAMOURA, Portugal: YRU world
youth champlonships: Pinal results: 420
(ogins): T Hayley and L Wennerstrom
(USA). Leading British: 7, E Saunderson
and A Hates. 420 (boys): S Mizza and B
Meyer (Fr). Leading British: 13, R Wiscon
and S Templeman. Laser: M Hare (US).
Leading British: 9, I Percy. Europe. S
Blondet (Fr). Saliboard (boys): A
Levinson (a). Leading British: 8, C
Burge. Ballboard (girle): N Sturges (Aus).
Leading British: 8, H Lewes

BARCELONA: Women's tournament Second round: N Tauzet (Fr) br A Dechaume (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, A Sánchez Vicarlo (Sp) br R Zrubekova (Cc), 6-1, 6-4; C Martínez (Sp) br N Guerree (Fr), 6-1, 6-9, J Halard (Fr) br I Gomochategui (Arg), 7-6, 2-8, 6-3

J Helard (Fr) bit I Gorrochstegu (Arg), 7-8, 2-8, 6-3
SEOUL: Men's tournament: Ouarter-finals: G Pozz; (ft) bit J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 5-4, 5-8 Metsuoka (Japon) bit G Riscus, (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; T Woodbridge (Aus) bit A Mronx (Ger), 8-2, 6-1; P Kuhnen (Ger) bit G Muffer (SA), 6-2, 6-3
NOTTINGHAM: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: First round: D Sepsiond (GB) bit G Scheap (Neth), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Mereschinchen (ft) bit M Schofield (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; D Ison (GB) bit A Fester (GB), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; P Norval (GB) bit C Beecher (GB), 6-4, 6-3 Cuarter-finals: Ison wo C Geyer (Ger), acr; A Richardson (GB) bit A Beust (Fr), 7-6, 6-4; Mereschinchen bit Sepsiond, 3-6, 4-1, 6-1, 6-4; Norval bit Tumer, 6-4, 7-6. Women: Second round: S Schefflin (US) bit T utter (US), 6-3, 7-6. Ouarter-finals; J Humphreys (SA) bit C Deliste (Can), 6-2, 6-4; Meresurd (Can) bit Schefflin, 6-2, 6-1; C Lucarelli (Fr) bit A van Buzren (Netti), 6-0, 6-2.

EVENING RACING

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Lineker attacks football's falling standards

sure builds." The Italian

league season consists of 34

matches, eight fewer than in

Tottenkam Hotspur,

England.



Lineker: convincing

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT A BRIEF examination of English football's absurdly crowded fixture list triggered Gary Lineker's decision to retire. The realisation that he would be playing twice a week for at least the first four months of this season convinced the England captain to accept a less exhausting

offer from the Far East. Lineker, aged 31, who is seeking to become England's highest scorer before he goes to Japan, launched a typical-ly convincing and accurate attack on the misguided administrators yesterday. The profusion of games, he

rightly argues, is naturally and inevitably lowering stan-dards, devaluing the champ-ionship, cheating spectators and hindering the national

"I could have stretched to another season but this one has been a slog," he said. "It has been a slog for every team in the League. We've always played a lot of games in this country but they are far more physical now than before, particularly in the heavy conditions after

"English players, with their character, will always give everything in each game but the quality won't be

"Playing so frequently, it is impossible always to feel a hundred per cent and you who can last the longest. Evwill get more teams just whacking the ball forward and looking for rebounds."

It can be no coincidence that Lineker voices his opinion towards the end of a first division season widely regarded as one of the least distinguished. Fatigue is not so prevalent in Spain, where he spent three seasons with Barcelona, or elsewhere on the Continent.

'You watch the Italians on Three days after complettelevision, for example, and you think they are quicker and sharper than us, but they ing their Rumbelows Cup semi-final against Notting-ham Forest "on a bog" in are not. They are just extra time, Spurs had to go to fresher," he said. "That is the Fevenoord. Predictably, they

lost the first leg of the quarter-final and were eliminated a fortnight later. erybody's tired and the pres-

"I don't think any other country would do that." Lineker said. "You are undermining your chances in a more important competition. We should start doing what is right for the game.

Lineker's side, were drawn in "It was such a shame that, the preliminary round of the as well as all the cup competi-tions, we went back to 22 clubs in the first division. European Cup Winners' Cup and faced a backlog of fix-tures even before the season opened in the middle of That was an odd decision. The people who suffer are those who come to watch. They are paying more to see more football but they're not getting the quality they

issue. I believe that if there were fewer games, the crowds would be larger and the product would be better. If the fixtures were cut. standards could quickly improve and so would the pitches. There are hardly any good

ones now.
"Manchester United's is poor and their form has deteriorated. They have had to resort to a more direct style.

So did we at Tottenham." Today, Tottenham com-pete in their 58th match this season — Lineker's last at White Hart Lane - and he admits that his enthusiasm and stamina has occasionally

in some of them. We aren't doing ourselves any favours at national level, either. We've had a lot of injuries and withdrawals. The fact that Graham Taylor had to announce 50 names for the trip to Moscow proves it.

"His preparations are bound to suffer." Lineker said. "Barnes, Mark Wright. Parker and Pearce, all recognised internationals, have probably been out as a result of overplaying. If the European championship had come in the middle of May, then we would have seriously undermined our chances."

Lineker's farewell, page 31

Leeds can settle title race if rivals lose

Ferguson needs next twist to go United's way

BY LAN ROSS

IF THE recent trend of substandard performances continues, this weekend's first division football programme may pose more questions than it answers about the destiny of the League championship.

While it is conceivable that Leeds United could return English football's most coveted prize to West Yorkshire for the first time since 1974 by late tomorrow afternoon, the likelihood is that the threeway fight will not be resolved until next Saturday.

Eight days ago, Leeds's chances of overhauling Manchester United seemed remote. However, successive defeats by Nottingham Forest reduced Manchester United's claims so drastically that they might even surrender any lingering hopes tomorrow. That will be the case should Leeds triumph at Sheffield United and United lose against

Liverpool at Anfield. With a one-point advantage and a superior goal dif-ference, Leeds's destiny is, for the first time, in their own hands. Victories at Bramall Lane and at Eliand Road next Saturday, when Nor-



wich City are the visitors, will

end the argument.
Sheffield Wednesday, the only other team capable of succeeding Arsenal as champions, must win their two remaining fixtures, against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park this afternoon and Liverpool at Hillsborough next weekend, and hope that calamity befalls their rivals. Alex Ferguson, the United

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manager, seems resigned to a Leeds triumph. Almost but FIRST ON SION not quite. "It will be difficult, but I think we can still turn this into a triumphant season," he said. "The thing is now in Leeds's court. They can only throw it away now. We have thrown away our advantage, now it is their But when he least needs it.

Ferguson will have his weakest squad for months. Parker, Ince, Donaghy and Black-more are all missing because of injury as is Bryan Robson, who now seems unlikely to play again this season because of a recurring calf

Ronnie Moran, Liverpool's caretaker manager, expects at least two of the four senior day's game at Forest, namely Burrows, Whelan, Thomas, and Jones, to play against United. Saunders can expect a recall but Grobbelaar will again be missing because of a

hamstring injury. Gordon Strachan is likely to be sufficiently recovered from a back injury to captain Leeds at Bramall Lane. Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, and a close friend of his counterpart, Howard Wilkinson, insists that sentiment will not influence the outcome. "No one should expect any favours from us," he said. "I am not really interest-

ed in any other team or in who wins the title." Greater Manchester police seem to have scuppered ITV's plans for a spectacular El million televised finale should the title race go to next Saturday. ITV were hoping to screen the matches involving all three contenders, kicking off at 5pm, but the police in charge of Old Trafford have objected

Lee Walker, the League's commercial spokesman who had been negotiating the deal with ITV, said: "If one match is ruled out the whole thing falls flat."

Promotion race, page 31 Weekend Times



New world: Ebdon plotting the next tale of the unexpected at Sheffield in his match with Price yesterday

Leaders wilt in Crucible heat

NEAL Foulds, the sixth seed, calls it snooker's equivalent of the storming of the Bas-tille. The revolution, which started last summer, when 443 players took advantage of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association's new "open door" policy, has continued at the Embassy world champion-ship in Sheffield this week. When Fred Davis, John Spencer, Cliff Thorburn, Joe Johnson and Alex Higgins, the five former world champions required to compete in the qualifying competition this year, all failed to reach the Crucible, it was obvious that the wind of change blow-

to the later kick-off. ing through this year's championship was more than a zephyr. It grew to gale force on Sunday with Peter Ebdon's

Phil Yates assesses the strength of the winds of change that have been blowing through the world snooker championship at Sheffield this week

ready to lie down but even they would accept that times

are changing.
Ebdon's win naturally attracted the greatest atten-tion. After all, it was the first time that Davis had not battled through to at least the semi-finals since 1982. Yet his departure from the event was only one of eight first-round defeats suffered by players from the top 16.

in many respects, Chris Small's elimination of Doug Mountjoy, the tenth seed and runner-up in 1981, on Thursday was equally note-worthy. Ebdon had a known pedigree, having captured the world junior title in 1990 while Small was so unknown he encountered problems

player.
Small, aged 18, is now guaranteed £12,000. In his previous nine tournament appearances as a professional, he had not carned a penny. His best previous performance was reaching the last 160 of the Regal

Welsh Open. Small and Ebdon both believed they could deal with the unique pressures of the Crucible. So, too, did Mick Price, the world No. 82 from Nuneaton, who realised he ssessed a fine chance of beating Dennis Taylor, the 1985 champion, after only a few frames. "I thought that it was just a matter of holding myself together because Dennis was cueing so tentatively and nervously," Price

Perhans more than at any other world championship. the final stage debutants have found it easy to

trying to convince the stage door security guards he was a such as Taylor, Mountjoy such as Taylor, Mountjoy and even Davis, have been less able to cope with its de-mands. While it is disappointing for them, and the other surprise first-round losers, the influx of new faces has provided snooker with an

> Jimmy White, one of the circuit's long acknowledged stars, has not only escaped the proliferation of surprises but he has added to the ex-citement of the championship's opening salvoes by compiling a maximum 147 break during his 10-4 firstround victory over Tony Drago, of Malta.

> After collecting a £100,000 bonus, and being virtually certain of an additional £14,000 for the championship's highest break. White predictably uncorked a cele-

bratory bottle of champagne.
At the end of such a week,
the whole sport could afford

Clark is unable to check

By PHIL YATES

Ebdon

PETER Ebdon, the first-season professional who bear Steve Davis in the first round. was on the verge of the quarter-finals in the Embass world snooker championship when he led Martin Clark 12-4 in their best-of-25 frame second-round match at the Crucible Theatre. Sheffield. yesterday.

Ebdon, already 6-2 ahead and brimming with confi-dence, could not have wished for a better start to the day's proceedings. Breaks of 69, 74 and 81 were more than ample to secure the first three frames. In that time a bemused Clark managed a total

of only 28 points. Clark's woes were magnified as Ebdon won the next two frames, the second with a 55 clearance of some note, to extend his unbeaten sequence to nine frames and throw up the possibility of completing victory with a whole session to

spare. ty by cutting his deficit to 11but Ebdon, unworried by his opponent's mini-revival. constructed a break of 73 -his ninth half-century contribution of the match — to move eight ahead with nine

to play.

A refereeing blunder, conclusively proven by television ing point as John Parrott, the defending champion, moved 12-4 ahead of Tony Knowles.

In the eleventh frame. when down 57-56, Parrott illegally struck the pink when attempting a masse escape from a partial snooker on the brown. Len Ganley, the referee, correctly called a miss and Knowles, having surveyed the situation, exercised his prerogative to have the balls replaced in their original position.

However, Ganley replaced the cue ball in a different spot, approximately three inches further from the top cushion. This enabled Parrott to use his normal bridge and therefore control the swerve needed on the cue ball with a greater degree of certainty.

He potted the brown, much to Knowles's consternation, and cleared to pink to lead 7-Knowies, clearly unhappy, did not win another frame.

Results, page 31

Warriors of the fancy art

What is the strange, knotted and tangled thread that links the Brits of the cities and suburbs with the fighting spirit of Asia? Why is it that the martial arts find so fertile a soil in the dark satanic leisure centres of old England? The country pro-duces world champions in judo and karate, and turns with absorption to kung fu, Japanese sword-fighting. tzekwondo. As long as the sport involves combat and fancy dress, the Brits are world beaters. Is this the Lawrence of Arabia Syn-

Anyway, this column sends greetings and congratulations to the latest bunch of costumed warriors: the British eskrima team. They have just returned from the second world championships in the Philippines, where they won five golds, eight silver and Eskrima is a Filipino

remarkable 10-4 first-round

defeat of Steve Davis, the six-

time champion, and it has been howling ever since. The old guard may not yet be

form of stick fighting. The Spanish conquistadors forbade the Filipinos to carry arms, so they perfected the art of whacking people about with sticks. The sport, a craze in the United States, is gathering momentum here. The costume involves armour, padding and a perfectly splendid helmet.

Mickey taker

Mickey Rourke, the actor/ boxer who has a fight in Miami tonight, has been challenged to a duel by Count Gaetani Lovatelli. The two will box over an affair of honour later in the year. The matter sprang up, as you might expect, at the Museum of Modern Art in New York: curiouser and curiouser. The occasion was a party to celebrate 100 years of Vogue magazine, the obvious occasion for a boxing challenge. Rourke insulted the lady whom the Count was escorting — this being Caree Otis, a former flame of Rourke's. Battle

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

was joined when the Count said amusingly: "You ugly imbecile. Why don't you get tough with me?" A lot of shouting and security men later: "There was nothing left but to defend one's honour in the ring," as the picked quite an opponent

Downs and out Reading football club has

been forced to close down its reserve side — but will do so with style. In the last game, at Elm Park on May 5, it will field David Downs. aged 49, and Gordon Neate, 51. Downs is the club historian and has had a life-long dream of pulling on a Reading shirt. He will become the oldest player to make a reserve debut. Neate is the groundsman and a former Reading player. He last turned out for the stiffs 35 years ago.

this time. The Count, from an aged-in-the-money fam-

ily, has boxed professionally, owns the Ferrari concession for Canada, vows to train for two months before the fight and, best of all, has two popes in his family tree, Boniface VIII and Gelasio II.

Candid camera

to raise a glass with him.

In the United States, members of the media have always been permitted to enter the locker-rooms after games. Like all other areas of contact between media and athletes, this can gener-

Now, Vance Johnson, of the Denver Broncos, is sueing a television network because he appeared in shot without - as you would expect in a changing-room - any clothes on. His private parts were, in fact, anything but.

"Unfortunately, it showed everything," Mike Burg, Johnson's lawyer, said. "It was very embarrassing and humiliating to Vance because it showed total frontal nudity. He was not in the background."

He is sueing for invasion of privacy, outrageous con-duct, defamation and negligence. If he wins, will any camera person escape being rushed by swarms of naked

Just the ticket

The England cricket team has its own chaplain but the Brisbane Bears, from the renowned sport of Australian No Rules Football, has an archbishop. The Most Reverend Peter Hollingworth. Anglican archbishop of Brisbane, has just been made "the No. 1 ticket holder" of the Bears. "I guess it suits my philosophy of aligning with the under-dogs," Hollingworth said.

The Bears have been basement dwellers since they joined the league six years ago. He added: "Football is not quite a religion. and it ought not to be, but there are elements in common. If people can generate such commitment and enthusiasm as they do at football, they can do it elsewhere." As soon as the archbishop was appointed, the Bears broke their ninemonth winless streak. 'Sheer coincidence," he said modestly.

lives protecting our future

n March 17, the contractors commissioned by the Department of Transport to start work on the M3 extension outside Winchester moved their bulldozers on to the River Itchen Site of Special Scientific Interest. A small group of local protesters looked on in despair. Despite the best efforts of both local campaigners and Friends of the Earth, "the juggernauts of progress" had arrived to rip the heart out of this precious place.

And then, unplanned, unthinking. Jeremy Middleton, with his two-year-old son. Ben, in his arms, advanced on the nearest buildozer to stop it in its tracks. The rest quickly thronged around him, climbing on the blade and the roof of the cab, momentarily halting what they saw as an act of desecration. Quizzed by reporters, Mr Middleton found it hard to explain what had happened. "I acted out of sheer frustration, and others just followed me on to the site to show their strength of

feeling."
Within a couple of hours, they were all moved on by the police, the work continued, and whatever it was that made this tiny patch of countryside "special" was obliterated for ever. But the image of Mr Middleton: embracing in his arms the interests of future generations, stays with me.

Being a full-time environmentalist is a funny business. It's not easy keeping your pecker up. For one thing, there is a never-ending stream of doom and gloom about the state of the Earth which one can afford to dip into but never get immersed in. A lot of environmental problems are indisputably getting worse. Whether you are talking of water shortages or waste mountains, too little ozone or too much carbon dioxide, the decline in our life-support systems and in the well-being of Planet Earth has not yet bottomed out.

Equally, a lot of environmentalists seem to have an almost pathological aversion to good news. They are only able to maintain positively heroic work schedules on regular fixes of bad news. These days, that leaves a lot of observers completely unmoved. In the business of going green, what people need is practical help, and perhaps even humour, rather than another sermon on expiating their ecological sins.

Which is why I find myself increasingly drawn to those people who just get on and do it, who put their environmental beliefs into daily practice, come what may, without too much regard for the others who dismiss their endeavours as forlorn. Mr Middleton almost certainly knew that his gesture was forlorn, but he made it for all that, and the resonance of it still rings out.

Over the past few years. I have got to know a lot of the troops who make up this "thin green line" that stands between us and the destruction of life-support systems. They are easy for cynical commentators to caricature — as tree-hugging. muesti-munching, middle-class dogooders painfully recycling their guilt along with their Guardians, and political desperadoes intent on teversing industrial progress. Sorry to disappoint you, but they're not like that at all.

Indeed, the 12 "green warriors" we eventually settled on as the subjects for Channel 4's new series. How to Save the Earth, provide scant pickings for the caricaturists. For the most part, they are regular men and women transformed with varying degrees of reluctance into environmental campaigners.

That element of reluctance is important. Until 1977, Lois Gibbs was (by her own acknowledgment) a more or less average American nousewife enjoying a more or less average suburban lifestyle. It just so happened that that suburb was Love Canal, near Niagara Falls.



The green guerrillas

where her house had been built on top of a landfill site jam-packed with toxic chemical waste. As she saw more and more children born with deformities or dying prematurely. Ms Gibbs was drawn into the campaign for resettlement and compensation, and soon became its public voice.

Protecting your children, defending your own patch, is how millions of people first get involved in environmental activity. But what makes Ms Gibbs more interesting is that, having won the local campaign at Love Canal, she didn't settle for another average American suburb somewhere else, but went on campaigning against the toxic waste industry. In 1981, she set up the Citizen's Clearinghouse for Hazardous Wastes, which has provided advice and assistance to more than 7,000 communities across the United States which find themselves threatened by toxic waste problems. Like charity. ecology often begins at home, but once you have made the start, it doesn't take long to realise that, as far as the workings of Planet Earth are concerned, we all live in the same

Klara Benkovicsova's immediate back yard is the Danube. She comes from a small rural community on the Czechoslovak side of Europe's greatest river, and is now a volunteer organiser for Eurochain, a group set up to protest against the construction of the Gabcikovo Dam on the Danube.

Before 1989, dissent carried a heavy price. Any Czechoslovak equivalent of Mr Middleton would have been jailed and systematically persecuted. There was some opposition to the Gabcikovo Dam even then, but mostly underground.

Ms Benkovicsova's world was

turned on its head by the overthrow of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia's "velvet revolution" in 1989. She and her colleagues took advantage of the new freedom to bring the issue of Gabcikovo (which will cause terrible damage to the Danube and its inland delta) to the top of the agenda.

Her commitment is impressive. In 1990 she gave up her secure job as a teacher to devote herself fulltime to the campaign. On one

occasion, she and her colleagues commandeered an unoccupied house, tapped illegally into an outside phone line, and spent four days raising support for a huge demonstration from environmental organisations in Czechoslovakia and around the world.

Here again, what looks like a classic protest against something has turned into a campaign for something — in this case, energy efficiency. Per capita energy consumption in Czechoslovakia is about 15 per cent higher than western European averages. Eurochain accuses the new Czechoslovak government (which intends to complete the controversial dam) of inheriting the communists' blind attachment to increasing energy supply without thinking of energy

use. It has produced figures showing how Czechoslovakia could dramatically reduce its overall energy use, particularly through the modernisation of its antediluvian

industries. Campaigns of this kind are almost timeless. The thin, green line has been out there defending the natural world for centuries, sometimes with success, more often not. After 30 years' campaigning on behalf of countiess local and national causes, David Bellamy recalls, rather wearily, how he first raised the banner of protest in the 1960s against the destruction by modern farming techniques of wildflower meadows and wetlands in southern England. In these days of beef mountains and milk lakes. much of that marginal farming

land is now judged to be "surplus to requirements". Mr Bellamy is now patron of all sorts of organisations conscientiously restoring the wellands and re-sowing the wild-

flowers back into the meadows.

Faced with such aberrational behaviour, all greens inevitably go through periodic crises when they seriously doubt their own sanity. Given the weight of firm evidence about our dependence on the natural world and the extent to which it is at risk, how is it that so many apparently rational people can continue to ignore the writing on the wall?

How many blind eyes must be turned before reality finally overwhelms us? Day after day, throughout the general election campaign. I waited in expectation for just one comment about the environment. But I waited in vain. Even Michael Heselrine, then at the Department of the Environment, managed to get through a whole hour on Radio Election Call without once referring to any of today's most pressing environmental issues, Is it any wonder that I was seriously questioning my sanity by the end of it all?

Perhaps we should accept that these old-world dinosaurs can't cope, and that even the threat of imminent extinction may not be sufficient to persuade them to adapt. If that is the case, all the pressure groups in the world may be a waste of energy until evolution takes its natural course. I don't

believe that. Now, with the election behind us, we can concentrate on the historic Earth Summit in Bracil in June, and the Prince of Wales's speech to leading environmentalists this week has focused our thoughts on the protection of the planet for future generations. But most important, we will always have those green warriors who devote themselves to changing the system, not so much by applying evernal pressure to it as by building practical alternatives within it.

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These are the green situsts that keep sprouting from the wasteland of urban industrialism. They are often incredibly vulnerable, and many of them wither away or are crushed underfoot before they have had a chance to ger established. But many survive, bringing enormous enouragement and inspiration to the rest of us as we try to persuade ourselves that we're sane, after all.

There is no better example of this than Dr Melaku Worede, an Ethiopian scientist who become Director of the Plant Generic Resources Centre in Addis Ababa at the height of the worst excesses of the former Dergue regime. Unlike most western experts who occasionally drop in on Ethiopia. Dr Worede believes that the best way of helping that country's farmers is to value their traditional knowledge and to work with them instead of treating them like ignorant peasants. The highlands of Filiopia is one of the richest and most genetically diverse grain-growing areas in the world. Dr Worede and his colleagues have devoted themselves to protecting that diversity, storing seeds to rescue crop species from extinction, and building up strategic seed reserves for distribution to farmers at times of drought.

ooking back over the people whose work we featured in the series my favourite green warrior was Phra Ajaan Pongsak, a Buddhist monk who has devoted his life to restoring the watershed forests of the Mae Soi Valley in nonhern Thailand. He is a lovely man to meet, with a beatific smile that lights up everyone and everything around him.

What struck me most forcefully was the spiritual authority behind everything he says and does: "Our parents gave us life, but the forest sustains it. From it, we get the four necessities of life; food, shelter, elothing, medicine. It balances the air we breathe, cleanses the water we drink, produces the soil we grow our crops in. It nourishes the spirit in the same way as it nourishes the body. We should be endlessly grateful to it — every grove, every tree, every leaf."

How I'd love to be able to talk about forests and woodlands in such terms here. But there is nothing whimsical in the way Phra-Ajaan Pongsak goes about his husiness: providing local villagers with enough land to persuade them to leave the forest untouched: rehabilitating degraded land, building new catchment dams, regenerating the forest through selective replanting; taking on the might of several international agencies intent on cutting down the forests to enable refugees from over the border in Burma to plant acre after acre of cabbages - for sale to the Japanese.

The forests of Mac Soi will never be entirely safe from such agencies. any more than Sites of Special Scientific Interest here in the UK will be safe from the buildozers of the Department of Transport, But across the world, people like Phra Ajaan Pongsak, Lois Gibbs, Klara Benkovicsova and Jeremy Middleon are not just defending their own back yards. They are upholding a different set of values, and putting into practice a different relationship between themselves and the rest of life on Earth. And that is what makes these green warriors so important to the rest of us.

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UNLIKELY HEROES: some of the green guerrillas featured in How to Save the Earth. From

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Kuroda, of the Japanese Tropical Forest Action Network: Eric Mann, anti-motor industry

campaigner, Jens Ole-Hojmann, of Greenpeace: Phra Ajaan Pongsak, seeding a new forest

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LA BELLE NOISEUSE -**DIVERTIMENTO (18): Fascinating** two-hour digest of Jacques Rivette's epic about the painter, his model and an unfinished canvas. With Michel Piccoli, Emmanuelle Béart.

Minema (071-235 4225). BROADWAY BOUND (PG): Neil Simon's alter ego, Eugene, takes the plunge as a professional writer. Fat performances (Anne Bancroft, Hume Cronyn), but thin onema. Director, Paul Bogart. Screen on the Hill (071-435



Peter Weller: writer-hero of the weird Naked Lunch

BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty as the gangster who invented Las Vegas. Sleek, witty, dazzling to behold. Starring Annette Bening; director, Barry Levinson MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic excon Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Nolte and family. Martin Scorsese's ferocious remake of a classic revenge thriller. With Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DECEIVED (15): Goldie Hawn as the wife who doubts her husband's identity. Psychological thriller, atmosohere. Stars John Heard: director, Damien Hams. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE DOCTOR (12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knife and becomes a better person. Familiar material, but lively treatment. Director, Randa

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Ocieons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztof Kieslowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to share a life. With Irène Jacob, Philippe Volter. Curzon Mayfair (071-465

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE (12): Heart-warming lives of feisty folks down South. Shallow, but ingratiating. With Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson; director, Jon Avnet. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic nanny (Rebecca De Mornay) wreaks revenge on a squeaky-clean family. Formula thriller with robust acting. Annabella Sciorra; director, Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

Whiteleys (071-792 3332). HIGH HEELS (18): Lukewarm talkative melodrama of family secrets from Spain's master of camp Pedro Almodovar. With Victoria Abri and Marisa Paredes. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

on Baker Street (071-935 2772) HOOK (U): Grown-up Peter Pan returns to Neverland to fight Captair Hook. Much kid-pleasing spectacle, but little magic. With Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman; director, Steven Spielberg. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

KIKUCHI: Days in the barren life of a laundry attendant. Quietly hilarious minimalist exercise from Japanese comic-strip illustrator Kenji ICA (071-930 3647).

MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (18). Gus Van Sant's guirky portrait of two drifters searching for a home: striking and aggravating by turns. With River Phoenix, Keanu

MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) MGM Shaftesbury ue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434

0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705).

NAKED LUNCH (18): A film like no other, skilfully carved from William Burroughs's novel by director David Cronenberg, Peter Weller as the writer-hero in a drug-induced Tangier of the mind. With Judy Davis, Ian Holm, Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

REBECCA'S DAUGHTERS (12): Unwieldy comic romp from a Dylan Thomas script about injustice and rebellion in 19th century Wales. With Peter O'Toole; director, Karl Francis.

Odeon Haymarket (0426

RICOCHET (18): Escaped prisoner John Lithgow attempts to ruin assistant D.A. Denzel Washington. Cruel, excessive thriller that makes Cape Fear look like Mulcahy. MGM Fulham Road (071-370

2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

STOPI OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT (PG): Pestering mum Estelle Getty comes to visit her bachelor-cop son Sylvester Stallone. are comedy for the easily pleased, directed by Roger Emnine (071-497 9999) MGM er Street (071-935 9772) MGM

Bullham Road (071-370 2636) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). TIME WILL TELL (15): Documentary about reggae king Bob Marley's life, music and beliefs, featuring 22 songs, plus rehearsal and interview footage. Director,

Declan Lowney. Prince Charles (071-437 8181). UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (15): Wim Wenders's ambitious, hugely flawed, globe-trotting blend of road movie, ce and science-fiction. With Solveig Dommartin, William

Hurt. Lumière (071-836 0691). VOYAGER (15): Strange coincidences and a pretty girl derail the life of a globe-trotting engineer (Sam Shepard). Sober, novel, Homo Faber, director, Volker Curzon West End (071-439

THEATRE LONDON

ANGELS IN AMERICA: Thrilling performances in Tony Kushner's lascinating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, Mon, 7.15pm, mat today,

2.30pm. AS YOU LIKE IT: Jemma Redgrave and Philip Franks stride of discover the ways of love. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755), Previews from



John Malkovich: starring in A Slip of the Tongue

BERLIN BERTIE: Howard Brenton's sharp though muddled cntique of the new Europe where a social worker, a trusting wrife and a spy have lost their bearings. With Penny Downie, Diana Rigg and Nicholas Woodeson. ral Court, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat,

8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME: Timothy Spall as the dedicated follower of fashion in a strongly-cast production by Richard Jones.

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews n Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm; opens May 5. THE COTTON CLUB: An mpression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story

Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Two new cast members, Geraldine lames and Paul Freeman, join Michael Byrne in this superb play on the longing for revenge. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat,

HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Variessa Redgrave head the splendid cast in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England drama directed by Trevor Nunn. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, 5W1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm,

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Lepage's one-man, multi-media show, straddling the decades. with Miles Davis and Jean Cocteau Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Opens Thurs, Spm; then in repertoire. PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Frances Rarber in a Howard Davies production that some admire

greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a clever oesgn. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Fri, next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm. REFLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very funny as the victim of a

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(071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat,

8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, A SLIP OF THE TONGUE: John Malkovich plays a Lithuanian lved with four students in this new Dusty Hughes

Steppenwolf production from Chicago. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Previews from Tues-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 9pm, next Sat, 4,30pm and 8.30pm; opens May 11.

EL4.5 TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE: Saskia Reeves, Jonathan Cullen, Jonathan Hyde in vigorously bloody production of Ford's incest

The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891), Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens May 6. REGIONAL

BRISTOL: The season closes with Blue Remembered Hills, Dennis Potter's moving drama of children's games that end in disas Seven adults play the children.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272
250250). Preview Wed 7.30pm;
opens Thurs 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat,

MANCHESTER: Couples discover doubts about marriage in Women Laughing, ironic comedy by the late Michael Wall, author of the excellent *Amongst* Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Preview Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm

2.30pm.

Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, GLASGOW: Spring season concludes with Other Places, triplebill of Pinter shorts (Third Theatre), The Hypochondriacs, Botho Strauss's 1972 dark comedy on love, murder and free expression (Second Theatre), and Laurence Radic in the Brecht/Markowe Edward #(First Theatre).

Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Other Places, previews Tues, opens Wed; The Hypochondriac, previews Wed, opens Thurs; Edward II, previews Thurs, opens Fn. All performances Mon-Sat,

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DANCE

CINDERELLA: English National Ballet presents the premiere of Ben Stevenson's production of Prokofiev's *Cinderella*. This is actually a revised version of the choreographer's original 1970 production, which happened to Stevenson choreographed. There are new sets and costumes from fairytale-pretty designs. Wednesday's opening night cast features maid-turned-princess, with José Mayflower Theatre. Commercial Road, Southamptor (0703 229771), Wed-Sat.

THE TURNING WORLD: This annual season of international dance turns its attention to France this French troupes, Ballet du Fargistan and Compagnie Claude Brumachon. The Brazilian-born Brigitte Farges, known for her sculptural imagery, is presenting the British premiere of her new piece, J'Adore et j'en peux plus, which was created during a residency in Tel Aviv. Brumachon's Le Palais des vents is bound to outrage some; passion. sensuousness and eroticism are on the menu for this one. Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031). Ballet du Fargistan, tonight, 8pm. Compagnie Claude

Brumachon, Tues, Wed, 8pm. MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LA SCALA PHILHARMONIC The latest orchestra to feature in the Barbican's Great Orchestras of the World series is rather less wellknown than some of the others - at least in the repertoire on offer here — and is making its British debut. The orchestra was founded on the initiative of Claudio Abbado in 1982, in an attempt to broaden the repertoire of the famous opera house orchestra. It has since formed a close association with Carlo Maria Giulini, who conducts it here in two of the Beethoven symphonies they are currently recording together (Nos 3 and 8).

London EC2, (071-638 8891), Man, LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: A busy and varied week for the LSO under Michae Tilson Thomas: tomorrow they perform Mahler's Ninth Symphony, preceded by Mozarts Wind Serenade No 10; Thursday has Leonard Bernstein's Suite from **Quiet Place with Rachmaninov's**

Piano Concerto No 3 (with Vladimir Feitsman the soloist) and Prokofiev's Suite from Romeo and Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2, (071-638 8891), Sun, 7.30pm; Thurs, 7.45pm.

THIRD MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL CELLO FESTIVAL: The festival is a biennial event, conceived by American cellist and RNCM tutor Ralph Kirshbaum. Intended to honour the memories of Pierre Fournier and Jacqueline Du Pré by raising money for charities in their name, it offers students and enthusiasts an opportunity to study with and listen to some of the world's greatest cellists. Those taking part this year include Wolfgang Boettcher, Robert Cohen, lulian Lloyd Webber, Mischa Maisky and Moray Welsh. The opening concert on Thursday features seven cellists playing with the BBC Philharmonic under Raymond Leppard. RNCM, 124 Oxford Road,

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GILBERT AND SULLIVAN: Last season the "new" D'Oyly Carte Company (now in its fifth year) succeeded in annoying G&S 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, 2.30pm tried to liberate the works from the aspic in which some seemed to want them preserved for ever. This week, as part of the longest tour it has ever undertaken, the company travels from Birmingham to London's Sadler's Wells with new productions of The Mikado and The Yeomen of the Guard, both directed by Andrew Wickes. Birmingham (021-633 3325), tonight, 2,30pm and 7,30pm Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues, 7.30pm, Wed, 2.30pm and 7.30pm (The Mikado); Thurs, Fri, 7.30om (The Yeomen of the

Guard). <u>ROCK</u>

LEVELLERS: The anarchic minstrels provide a frenetic and joyful live sound combining folksy accustic violins and a driving rock beat. Following this extensive tour, which finishes up at London's Brixton Academy on May 15, the band will loom large at the Glastonbury Festival in June. Bonkers, Aberdeen (0224 581135), Wed, 7pm. Barrowlands.



Country living: Michelle Shocked goes on tour

MICHELLE SHOCKED: Currently paying her dues to country fiddle music in her latest album Arkansas Traveler, Shocked embarks on her first tour for two years. University, Cardiff (0222 396421), Thurs, 7.30pm. Town Hall, Birmingham (021-236 2392), Fri, 7pm.

CHER: The singer looks set to bring some cinematic spectacle to her musical performances, and with her powerful voice she has a great deal more to offer than her tacky sex goddess image would

suggest.
The Point, Dublin (010 3531 363633), Mon, 7pm. Kings Hali, Belfast (0232 665225), Tues, 7pm. SECC, Glasgow (041-248 3000), Thurs and Fri, 6.30pm.

ORNETTE COLEMAN & PRIME TIME: Presently enjoying attention for his musical contribution to Cronenberg's Naked Lunch, this catalyst of the free jazz movement and tireless innovator is touring for the first time with his new-look band, Prime Time. Town Hall, Birmingham (021-236 2392), tomorrow, 8om Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), Mon, 8pm, Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-236 7110), Tues, 7.30pm. Royal Festiva Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Wed. 7.30pm.

DAVID MURRAY QUARTET: The saxophonist seems to have been rarely out of the recording studio recently, so it's good to see him back on the road peddling anything from homages to the Ellington ter Paul Gonzalves to avant-parde compositions of his own. Ronnie Scott's, Birminghan (021-643 4525), Mon, Wed, Thurs,

EXHIBITIONS PIRATES: Even without (or in spite of) Steven Spielberg's latest movie contribution to the theme, pirates seem to have a perennie appeal to the imagination. The new show at the National Mariti Museum iudiciously balances pirates of fiction, from Captain Hook and Long John Silver down, with pirates of fact, such as Henry Morgan, Captain Kidd and Blackbeard. Original ilustrations to the fiction and a setting for Peter Pan by no less a figure than Sir Edward Lutyens jostle portraits and documentary relics of the real thing. National heroes like Sir Francis Drake are included as well as National Maritime Muse Greenwich SE10 (081-858 4422).

Vion-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, midday-6pm, opens Fri until Sept 6. CREATIVE EYE 1992: Organised by the Crafts Council, Creative Eye is an annual forum for Britain's eading artists and craftsmen, including makers of ceramics, glass, jewellery, fabrics, furniture and fine metalwork, as well as all sorts of indefinable cross breedings encouraged by today's increasingly fluid distinctions between fine art and craft, craft and applied art. The show usually confirms that a lot of the most

powerful and inventive artwork ddies the borders. Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 (071-278 7700). Daily, 10am-6pm, opens Thurs until

HOLBEIN ACQUISITION: The National Gallery's latest acquisition is a charming portrait by Hans Holbein the Younger of *A Lady with* a Squirrel and a Starling, characteristic in style but unusual in subject matter, since Holbein rarely painted women unless they were royal. This particular lady seems (to judge from costume) to be English, but no closer identification has proved possible The picture cost £10m by private treaty sale, and is shown alone for a

month, in the NG boardroom, before joining the gallery's two other Holbeins in the general collection. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839-3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm,

Sun, 2-6pm, from Tues. OTTO DDC: The German painte is known in this country by a few paintings from his "critical realist" phase. This retrospec shows that he began with innocuous self-portraits, was shocked into Expressionist violence and Dada savagery by the first world war, and ended the Twenties as an adherent of the Neue Sachlichkeit (new objectivity), using probing realism to embody

eriod he found refuge in religious painting and landscape. Tate Gallery, Milbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm,

until May 17. HOGARTH AND PIRANESI: Though they would hardly spring to mind together, Hogarth and Piranesi were contemporanes, and both were famous in their own time and later as printmakers. Showing them together is a good excuse to flaunt some of the Courtauld institute's possessions, notably the 30-odd Hogarth engravings given by Sir Robert Witt in 1944 and the 14 splendid Piranesi Prisms bequeathed by Count Antonie Seilem in 1978. Courtauld Institute Galleri Somerset House, London WC2 (071-873-2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-

6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 10. FILEEN GRAY- Inich-horn Gray spent most of her working life in France, where her furniture and interior decoration received an well with the Deco and Modernis also demonstrates her talent for architecture.

Wharf, London SE1 (071-403 6933). Tues-Sun, 11.30am-6.30pm, Until July 5.

TOMORROW: The International Classic 8ike Show at Stafford plays host to a Sotheby's sale at noon. In many cases modern and replica bikes are expected to make at least as much as the early favourites Sotheby's (0785 46401), during view and sale.

TUESDAY: Phillips have both British paintings and English and continental furniture at 1 Iam. Among the former is a view in Tahiti by William Hodges, who accompanied Captain Cook (up to £60,000) and a Regency marbletable is expected to make up to £30,000. Phillips, 101 New Bond Street.

have carpets, while Sotheby's offer

London W1 (071-629 6602). THESDAY-THURSDAY: A

soring Islamic season begins with works of art, ceramics and Indian miniatures at Christie's on Tuesday 10.30am. On the same morning at 11am, Sotheby's carpet sale includes European as well as Oriental examples, and at 2pm there me Oriental and Islamic costume and textiles at Christie's South Kensington. Wednesday sees Islamic works of art at Sotheby's 10.30am, notably a 13th-century candlestick (up to £100,000). On Thursday at 11am Sotheby's have Oriental manuscripts and miniatures. At 2.30pm Christie's

social criticisms, During the Nazi **EVENINGS OUT** MAGGIE GEE, AUTHOR OF



I would love to go to the Rembrandt exhibition at the National Gallery. I think all people who do creative things are fascinated and appalled by an artist who is successful and then declines into neglect. I would go and see The Skeleton at the Feast — The Day of the Dead in Mexico at the Museum of Markind again. On November 1 and 2 in Mexico the dead are supposed to come back to earth and the living decorate graveyards and give great dances to celebrate. It's a cheerful festival, and the exhibition is brilliantly colourful and macabre. I want to take my five-year-old daughter to see Hook. We've just been reading Peter Pan and she adores it, and I like Dustin Hoffman who plays Hook. ?

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TUESDAY-FRIDAY: in Edinburgh Sotheby 5 have sales silver and Scottish and sporting pictures at the Freemasons Hail 96 George Street, Tuesday, 3pm and form. On Wednesday and Thursday Christie's Scotland are based at the Royal College of Physicians in Queens Street The have silver on Wednesday, 2pm. carpets and furniture at the same time, and items from the Balean family collection at 6pm. Cn. Thursday at 6 30pm they after pictures. There are more paintings at Philips on Enday, 11am. Sotheby's, 112 George Street, Edinburgh (031-226 7201) Christie's Scotland, 164-6 Sath treet, Glasgow (041-332 5134) Phillips Scotland, 65 George Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2266) FRIDAY: Spink offer a splendid collection of Scottish, English and French gold coins, in their Picture Gallery, 11am. Spink, King Street, London SW1 (071-930 7888)

VIDEOS ALIENS: SPECIAL EDITION (FoxVideo, 18) Sigoumey Weaver and a band of marines wrestle with the worst the Alien planet can devise. James Cameron's rip-1979 Alien, newly released with 17 minutes originally cut to ease commercial exhibition 1986

BOYZ N THE HOOD (Columbia Tri-Star, 15): Black urban drama from hot-shot young director John Singleton, piled too high with mora homilies, though he skilfully captures the menacing atmosphere of circling helicopters, sirens and gunfire. Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube.

Čuba Gooding ir 1991 ELVIRA MADIGAN (Palace Video, PG): Ba Widerberg's 1967 classic about an army officer's summer sdyll with a circus girl Vacuous as drama, but a milestone in cinematic prettiness Mozart unwittingly provided the

theme music. THE SACRIFICE (Artificial Eve. 15): Tarkovsky's last, achingly slow and beautiful film: a self-styled poetic parable about man's need for spirituality. Shot in Sweden, with Friand Josephson as the hero facing the world's end 1986

BOOKINGS

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: A rare performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's final opera The Golden Cockerel after Alexander Pushkin's poem. The opera tells the story of a fortune-telling fowl, a doddery king and an Easter enchantress and is notable for its brilliant and colourfu orchestration Bass Bulat Mingelkiev olavs King Dodon, Colleen Gaetano is the cockerel, and Noel Espiritu Velasco tackles the difficult high tenor role of the Astrologer. The performance, in ในรรไล้ที่, หรื condu Rostropovich.

Barbican, Silk Street, London

EC2 (071-638 8891), June 21. RINGO STARR AND THE ALL-STARR BAND: The former Beatles piece band in the first dates outside America this year, playing tracks from his recent album Time Takes Time. Other veteran band members are guitarists Todd Rundaren, Nils Lotaren, Joe Walsh and Dave Edmunds, axoohonists Tim Cappello rimothy B. Schmit, keyboard player Burton Cummings and drumme

Zak Starkey. Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 1555), July 6. rsmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), July 7. THE BLUE ANGEL: The Royal

Shakespeare Company production of Pam Gerns's musical play, which played to packed houses at The Other Place last season, transfers to the West End. Set in Hamburg in the late Twenties during the Weimar Republic, *The Blue Angel* is based on the novel by Heinnich Mann and incorporates the songs of Friedrich Hollander used in the well-known Josef von Sternberg film staming Marlene Dietrich. Kelly Hunter returns to the role of Lola which she created in the onginal production, and Philip Madoc is Professor Raat. Trevor Nunn

directs. Globe Theatre, London W1 (071-494 5065), previews from May 7; opens May 20.

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: Glyndebourne Festival Opera's sister company makes its London debut 24 years since performances first be repertoire, which will tour nationwide until November following its London opening, brings two revivals of Glyndebourne Festival Opera productons: Peter Hall's Le nozze di Figaro (now directed by Stephen Medcalf who recently staged Opera 80's new Don Giovanni) and John Cox's staging of the Stravinksy opera, The Rake's Progress (with Anne Dawson, Barry Banks, John Hall and Steven Page). Nikolaus ehnhoff's production of Katya Kabanova by Janacek (with Susan Bullock as Katya) completes the

Sadler's Wells, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Sept 24-Oct 24. Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 267222), Oct 27-31. Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield (0742 769922), Nov 3-7 Nov Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 333001), Nov 10-14 Nov. Opera House, Manchester (061-236 9922), Nov (0685 244544), Nov 24-28.

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Lawrence after the Lean times



URDAY APRIL 25 19

Lynne Truss on the usual mixture of ham and beefcake that mostly makes up the

traditional Easter hero sandwich

aster, it seems, is a time. for heroes. It is a time for Tom Thumb, Tarzan, Luke Skywalker. James Bond, Robin Hood, and Lawrence of Arabia. I am not complaining about this. I just think it's weird. You could line up all the mythical and historic figures of the Western world on a parade-ground and say "All those with claims to Easter specials take one step forward!"
And then get a big laugh with:
"Hey! Jesus of Nazareth! Where do

you think you're going?"

Somewhere at the back of the Eastertide viewer's mind lurk vague notions of crucifizion and resurrection, but basically what the hell, it's Disney Time. Whereas on the sober Good Friday afternoons of vesteryear we would draw the curtains and sit in the dark (less out of reverence than pragmatism the light reflected on the screen) and watch theological discussion programmes, we now find that the nearest thing to religious programming is Sparky's Magic Piano, if you don't count Return of the Jedi. How do their minds work, these telly people? Well, the Sparky story is sort of mystical, I suppose. Er,

and it contains a message of hope.

Umm, and of course we associate it

with Sundays (because we used to

hear it on the wireless every week). Plus, it dates from long ago. All the right ingredients for an Easter story, then, without the blood. What doesn't bear thinking about is the effect of all this on the kiddies. Not because they should be forced to worship, but because if they don't learn to react at some deep level to the Christ story, how will Steven Spielberg and George Lucas make a living? I thought you had to know about the Messiah, if only as a background to all the

messianic drivel on the big screens. But one day soon a man will find himself in an American hotel room reading the Gospels (because there is nothing else) and will fling the book away, saying "Pah, they got all this from Superman."

In any case, perhaps the type of Christ is no longer the model for heroes. Modern heroes must be prodigious and charismatic, they don't have to be morally worthy, and they are strong rather than brave. As for self-sacrifice, forget it. The basic heroic trait is survival, followed closely by a lack of psychological complexity.

This new orthodoxy can lead its

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followers into confusion. Take last Monday's Freddie Mercury Tribute (BBC2), the live concert from Wembley Stadium in the cause of Aids awareness. At the aren't-wegreat finale we had Liza Minnelli, backed up by a chorus-line of wrinkly smiling rock stars in den-ims, singing "We are the champi-ons." Well, it made the heart lift, didn't it? That huge sea of bare arms waving from the stadium in the manner of, well, of a Nurenberg rally. And everyone singing Freddie's immortal words, "No time for losers, for we are the champions." No time for losers? What are we all doing at an Aids awareness concert, then? Is some-body being ironic here?

I shall stop ranting in a minute, but there is one more thing to get off my chest — viz, Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (BBC1), served at teatime on Easter Sunday. Set on board a wartime B-17 (and starring Kevin Costner and Kiefer Sutherland) it was essentially a fashion parade of good-looking Yanks in sheepskin flying-jackets, but it also contained high drama of a peculiar kind.

A gunner called Jonathan was trapped in a sort of glass pimple on the underside of the aircraft, and by some ghastly coincidence the undercarriage was stuck. Things looked bad for Jonathan, because sooner or later the plane would have to land, and it would be landing directly on him.

Cliffhanger, eh? The engines drone, Jonathan's pretty young wife scans the night sky, and a mysterious padre is rustled up at the airbase to send a Thought for the Day to the aircraft's pained and thoughtful crew. What can be done? Jonathan believes fervently that the captain (Costner) will think of something, but alas the captain's mighty bean lets him down on this occasion, so he prepares to land the plane regardless. Oh dear.

Then one of Jonathan's mates (Sutherland) decides it would be charitable to blow out Jonathan's brains before impact (this is true), but despite a couple of sweatdrenched minutes pointing a quivering revolver at the guy's unsuspecting head, finds that he can't really do it, so doesn't. Ho hum. Tension mounts, but no one thinks of anything. Clearly these



Rivals: (from left) Siddig El Fadil and Ralph Fiennes versus Bernard Lloyd, Arnold Diamond and Robert Arden in A Dangerous Man

American airmen do not drink

Carling Black Label How can the situation be saved? Well, you won't believe this, but Jonathan wishes so hard for the undercarriage to work, that in the end it does! Amazing. It is not a boring old normal undercarriage, though, it is a superimposed cartoon! It is as though the great Walt Disney in the sky has heard Jonathan's pleas (or possibly Spielberg's), and reached down with his big celestial pencil to draw a pair of wheels. Jonathan's will to survive has saved the day, and all the bemused airmen shout "Hurrah! We did it!" I can't think how anybody comes out of this story well, actually, except the designer of the sheepskin coats.

In the midst of all this trash, it was strange to find a film about T.E. Lawrence's backroom discussions at the 1919 Paris peace conference, especially on ITV on a

Saturday night. Was it a mirage, I wondered? Surely ITV doesn't think this will bump up the ratings — Lawrence after Arabia?

I admit I was in two minds about watching it myself, being the only person in the world who had not seen the David Lean picture, and had therefore never fallen under the spell of the blue-eyed desert hero who wrote his will across the sky in stars.

or years, all I knew for certain about Lawrence was the manner in which he rode a camel, because my sister kept demonstrating on the arm of a chair. Since watching last weekend's A

Dangerous Man, however, I have done a lot of catching up. I can now understand why David Puttnam et al decided to make a film about Lawrence's role in postwar diplomacy - his gathering fame, his

clever adaptable double-act with Prince Feisal, his knack for backing into the limelight - but I still have my doubts about those ratings. In Lawrence of Arabia he was blowing up railway lines, going mad, being tortured, and riding a camel with his ankles crossed. In the period covered by A Dangerous Man he rode a horse rather beautifully, but was otherwise largely on the receiving end of events in corridors beyond his control. He could not write his will across the salons of the peace conference, despite exploit-

ing his celebrity (and furnry head-gear) to the limit. Important people kept asking who the hell he was. Was he still a hero, this strange ascetic little man? Of course he was. but not because he was a survivor according to the Lawrence myth, survival was the last thing he desired. He was a hero in the English mould, and this complicates things on the narcissism front - all that modesty and vanity jostling for space. Nietzsche said that "he who despises himself nevertheless esteems himself as a self-despiser", which well describes the superbly intelligent way Ralph Fiennes played Lawrence. My only quibble with A Danger-

ous Man was that it ended with Lawrence dishonourably ejected from the peace conference, and told in rather stern manner to "disappear", rather as though his subsequent career in the lowest ranks of the army and air force were part of a conspiracy theory. Lawrence's would-be obscurity is so much a part of the legend that it would be a shame to have it explained away. The idea of a man exhausting his spirit in an exotic war, suffering scourge and torment, and then turning his celebrity into mystery, is stuff that speaks loud (even if you can't make out the words). It even

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Masterchef

(Tomorrow, BBC1, 4.50pm) Does the word "kohlrabi" exist outside the world of Masterchef. I wonder? Or did Loyd Grossman make it up, so that he could exercise his vowels with it? Good to see, anyway, that one of the first contestants in the new series serves up "kohlrabi whiris" tomorrow as an accompaniment to guinea fowl in orange and chestnut sauce. I'm sure the expert tasters - Loyd Grossman, Michel Roux and Julia McKenzie - will take the ritual tiny helpings on their forks and pronounce it the yummiest kohirabi they have had since yesterday. "Go on, don't be shy, tuck in. loverly grub!" I always shout encouragingly (at the tasting stage) but the experts are not to be cajoled. Perhaps they are not hungry: perhaps they stopped for a Mc-Donald's on the way to the studio.

• Horizon: Iceman (Monday, BBC2, 8.10pm) When a 5,000-year-old corpse was dug out of the Alps last year, people were apt to see the romance of the story. What changes that old Iceman must have seen. Why, when he was living (and waggling his primitive spear about) the pyramids were yet to be built and Stonehenge was not even a twinkle in a Druid's eye. What tales old Iceman could tell. Horizon takes us inside the forensic investigation, and tells us what has been discovered about our Stone Age friend. (Was he married to someone called Wilma? Did he carry a bowling ball?) So far, research has revealed that he was covered in little bits of hair, so he had probably just had a haircut. It is a paradox of archeology that the more banal the finding the more it brings the past alive. "Come here," his Mum said on his last day. "Let me do your fringe. You might get lost in the snow and not be found for a few millennia."

◆ Crime Limited (Tuesday, BBC1, S.30pm)

The advance publicity is a bit coy about the intentions of this new series, from the Crimewatch stable. Will it pander to "ghoulish tastes"?
No. says Nick Ross, because the taste for real-life crime and detection stories is perfectly healthy. In the first programme, however, Crime Limited heads straight for Silence of the Lambs territory, by talking to a professional "offender profiler", who builds a hypothetical profile of the criminal from the internal evidence of the crimes (although how you actively search out suspects who hate their mothers is a bit problematical). Later in the series, we are promised an item about crime prevention from the 1930s, including an infallible anticar theft device: a stuffed alsatian that you left on the back seat.

A question of whose land is it anyway?

Channel 4

tackles the

growing battle between walkers

and landowners

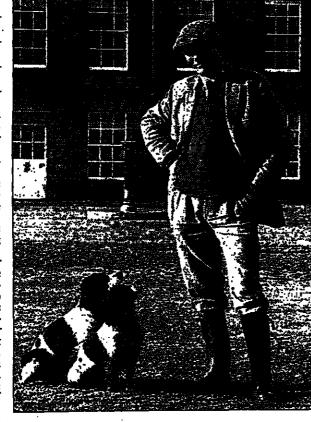
The calm of the afternoon walk is suddenly shattered by a man and a woman blocking the overgrown track, an ancient path joining two villages. "That's as far as you can come," says the man, his voice rising as he strides towards the walkers. This is not a right of way; it is a private road. I am not going to let you pass.

The walkers try to put their case for continuing, saying the path has been in use for hundreds of years. It serves only to infuriate the couple. "If I was walking through your proper-ty or your garden or your house you would tell me to get off too," screams the woman. punctuating her words with a stabbing finger. "This is a disgrace, don't you dare come way. Do you hear me?"

The above is a condensed version of a remarkable confrontation that features in Channel 4's hard-hitting Cutting Edge (Monday, 9pm) on the battle for access between landowners and ramblers. The sequence runs for a barely edited 13 minutes and serves to illustrate one of the great truths of the 20th century: watching people lose their rag makes rivering television.

The film, which has taken a year and a half to put together, began life as "Fragile Earth", intending to focus on the environmental damage inflicted on the land by walkers, mostly in the Lake District, which is often described as having been "loved to death". However, it soon became clear that the reason the Lake District was taking such a battering was because access was so limited elsewhere.

"We thought we'd be looking at lots of ramblers trampling over delicate areas," says Clem Shaw, the producer. who lives in the Lakes, "but it turned out to be much more of



Battling: Sir Anthony Milbank fears damage to the land

a social perspective than an environmental one; more of a political issue than I'd intended. The closer you looked at it. the more you could see it was a time-bomb ticking away."

And, indeed, there is a

considerable amount of explosive material in the film. In the literal sense, there are the guns of a shoot on land owned by Sir Anthony Milbank, the 5th baronet, Equerry to the Queen and chairman of the Moorland Association, an organisation which the ramblers say appeared out of nowhere to put a block on government moves to legislate for more public access.

Sir Anthony argues that allowing such access would cause irrevocable damage to flora and fauna, adding that "just because one shoots doesn't necessarily mean you're not interested in the living as well".

Then there's the Ramblers' Association's outspoken presi-

dent, Chris Hall, who is Semtex to the landowners' increasingly short fuse. "We are up against a handful of people whose attitudes to land ownership is positively feudal and selfish." he says. "We're very ready to avoid walking over a precious orchid or trampling over a bird's nest; we know there are places where you must not go. But we're not going to have that kind of blanket exclusion applied to us in the name of a phoney kind of conservation."

Finally, there is Viscount Parker, who owns 3,500 acres in Oxfordshire. Watching as the Ramblers, banner aloft. march over his land as part of the Forbidden Britain Day demonstrations last year. he says: "They don't have rights to land; they don't own the land and there's absolutely no reason why they should put in a takeover bid for the land."

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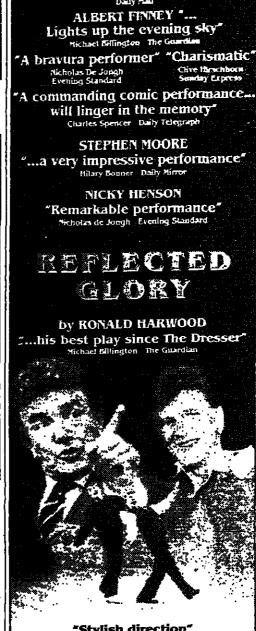
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he release last year of just one album — Nevermind by Nirvana - may ultimately have a greater impact on the direction of rock than anything else that has happened since the punk revolution of the late Seventies. At a time when the marketing campaigns that steer acts such as Michael Jackson and Dire Straits to multi-platinum glory are planned, executed and paid for like high-tech military operations, the chances of Nevermind achieving a similar level of sales were apparently slender. But that, of course, is exactly what it did.

From their beginnings with the Seattle-based indie label, Sub Pop. Nirvana had shown the makings of a promising cult band. Like their grunge rock label-mates - Soundgarden. Mudhoney and Tad - they were an instant success on the college and alternative circuits in America, and quickly found their way on to the ever-alert John Peel's radio show here in Britain. Even so, the initial US pressing of Nevermind, the group's second album, was a mere 40,000 copies.

Four months later, to everyone's astonishment, it had sold
2.5 million units in America
alone. Worldwide sales have
now topped six million. There
can be no doubt that this trio
has unwittingly demonstrated
the vast, but previously unsuspected, appeal of a highly
potent strand of American
alternative underground rock.
Although grunge shares

Is it heavy metal? Is it thrash? No, it's grunge rock. David Sinclair reports the dernier cri in loud music

many superficial characteristics with heavy metal and bears a close affinity to thrash metal, its precise location on the musical continuum is separate from both. Nirvana's stated influences are radical artnoise pioneers Sonic Youth, pop airheads Abba and The Beatles.

Among their more obvious

antecedents are the original hardcore trio Hüsker Dü and Big Black, the pioneering group led by the movement's greatest auteur and shock stormtrooper. Steve Albini. But it is Nirvana who, by harnessing the traditional melodic virtues of pop to blatant extremes of sonic overkill, have finally brought grunge to the masses.

Not only that, their entirely grass-roots driven success has blown such a huge hole in the entrenched wisdom of the industry's corporate arbiters of popular taste that already a sizeable tranche of acts from this long-thriving scene have come spilling through to wider acclaim. In America, record companies are waving their chequebooks at practically any band with suitably left-field credentials canable of producing some sort of melody and a per-cranked guitar noise.

Among the front-runners are Mudhoney, who have recently signed to Hollywood/WEA; Hole, the all-girl

Mengede and Page Hamilton ROCK gouge out thick, tight wodges of sound, like lumberjacks hacking clumps and splinters group who turned down a personal invitation from Mafrom the base of a tree. Most donna to sign to her new label, solos begin with howling feedin favour of a deal with US back and degenerate into mogul David Geffen's DGC wounded thing noises. While operation; and Helmet, a fourthe lyrics are little more than a niece from New York who distraction, the power and have just signed to Interscope. excitement of the music is a new Warner-owned label total. Andy Wallace, who run by the producer Jimmy worked on Nevermind, is currently mixing Helmet's new

album, which is due for release

Thursday's Top of the Pops.

thest limits of L7's punk-pop

sensibility. More typical are

the buzzsaw guitar and ma-

rauding tom-tom patterns of

"Wargasm". the grumbling

bass riff and menacing vocal of "Monster" or the droning

chords and petulant shriek of

ith its sing-song chorus, "Pretend

We're Dead" is

located at the fur-

ready enjoyed Top 40 honours L7's album Bricks Are Heavy (Slash 828 307-2) is out in America with their Badmotorfinger album will enjoy a this week, and the all-girl band further boost to their profile when they tour with Guns N' from Los Angeles is already Roses later this year, and will surfing the British chart with also feature prominently on their single "Pretend We're the forthcoming "Lollapalooza Dead". Its current placing at No 21 was sufficient to land Helmer's deal, believed to be them a coveted spot on last

Soundgarden, who have al-

worth at least \$1 million, is exceptional even in the current overheated climate, but then their last album. Strap It On, is an astounding piece of work. Available on import on the Minneapolis-based Amphetamine Reptile label, Strap It On (ARR 89202-1) is a more bruising experience than anything Nirvana has done, although it is less adept in melodic terms.

On numbers such as "Rude", "Distracted" and

"Rude", "Distracted" and "Shitlist".

"Murder" (grunge bands have an abiding affection for one-word titles) guitarists Peter grunge/noise idiom have been

herded into a rather artificial and, some would say, demeaning subdivision known as "foxcore". Jostling for position in the wake of L7 and the wearisome Hole, come such acts as Calamity Jane, Bikini Kill, Mud Women and Babes In Toyland. What unites them is an attitude first explored during punk, which rejects every last vestige of the girl musician as a pouting siren. These women are so tough they make predecessors from Suzi Quatro to Siouxsie Sioux seem like simpering bimbos.

The success of Nirvana and the explosion of interest in the alternative underground scene may prove a mixed blessing. While the excitement and fresh attitude which Screaming Trees, Unsane, Bullets For Pussy, Bitch Magnet and others bring to the mainstream is all to the good, the effect of so much record company and media interest may prove deleterious to bands that are still at a formative stage.

The inordinate amount of expectation and hype which inevitably comes into play has put a heavy weight on the shoulders of young and inexperienced groups such as Pavement. Paw and Superchunk in some cases creating a damaging imbalance between their public profile and ability to come up with the goods. As Nirvana's bassist Chris Novoselic lamented in a recent magazine interview: "The underground gets purged, and bands don't develop; they're getting signed

right out of the garage.

Opportunities are missed and a pretender unmasked

OPERA

Don Giovanni

Theatre Royal,

Glasgow

Lucifer's?) stuck into the

Collins's "movement"

confined to a scarlet-lit and

proscenium-framed village

show routine, complete with

pub piano, by the peasants of Act I; some frenetic handflapping and finger-licking during its minuet finale; and

much frenzied wiping of the

hands in the very last chorus,

as if all the perfumes of

So many opportunities are missed. A production frequently stands or falls by its

handling of the Act I ballroom

finale. Apparently unaware of

the music's powerful progres-

sion in tracking form disinte-

grating into musical and

moral chaos, Cairns and Col-

lins take a big tumble, and mighty is their fall.

Long before this, however and afterwards, too — there are basic faults in stage craft.

The Commendatore, for in-

stance, ambles on during the

Don's attack on his daughter.

Donna Elvira's first aria is

weakened by being sung through a stash in a curtain

(there are many curtains, and

The real missed opportuni-

much noise behind them).

ties, though, are musical. Be-

ground.

Arabia . .

UNDERNEATH his elegant designer wig, this Don Giovanni is a seedy, balding nonentity, and it takes no time at all to discover the fact. The new Scottish Opera production matches. Scratch the surface of this designer-director creation with its choreographer co-director, and the paucity of its invention and its musical impotence is at once revealed.

Designer Tom Cairns and choreographer Aletta Collins have done fine work together in the past: their Beatrice and Benedict for English National Opera and their Samson at Dalila for the Bregenz Festival spring to mind. This time, the partnership has simply not worked. Their response to the opera has remained merely abstract and conceptual rather than alive in its own recreation.

Cairns's sets, the most obvious part of his contribution to the evening. are at best self-serving. The eye is first teased, then simply bored by the brica-brac of images: a scarlet silk let down from a purple porthole, a fluorescent pool of blood and some equally scarlet and equally fluorescent mounds, which look like nothing so much as isolated embankments on a model railway layout.

There is also a large and sepulchral boulder, a huge projected hand which dutifully appears at the final and fatal "Give me your hand", and what appear to be a pair of wings (are they supposed to be

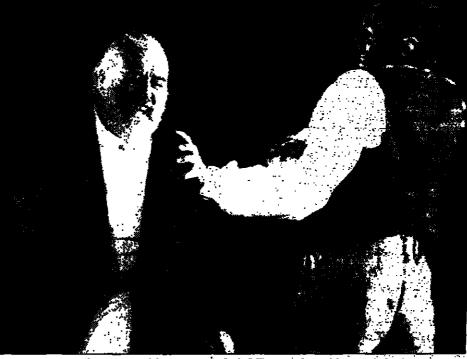
fore he took up the baton, the singer Robert Dean had clocked up a considerable catalogue of Don Giovannis of his own. Strange, then, that his direction should be so deaf to the rhythmic and harmonic chemistry of this score, and to the breath and pulse of the singers themselves. Rosemary Joshua's characteristically intelligent and vivacious Zerlina, and Gidon Saks's formidable Leporello were two larger than life performers in search of musical and dramat-

Don Giovanni nimself was sung, as was Glenn Winslade's Ottavio, like an old trouper by the experienced and reliable Steven Page. His Donna Elvira and Donna Anna, alas, had neither of these qualities. While Virginia Kerr was ill-focused and squally, Linda McLeod as Anna brought the first real thrill of engagement to the production. But she has been unwisely east; her demands for revenge cruelly try a voice and a stage presence far too distinctive to be thus

endangered.

Meurig. Davies as Maseno and David Gwynne as the Commendatore discharged their respective duties melodiously and conscientiously, despite having to grapple with a sometimes embarrassingly presaic new translation by Helen Cooper. That only added to the evening's dead weight.

HILARY FINCH



The Commendatore (David Gwynne, left) is killed by Don Giovanni (Steven Page)

Funkily far-flung flings

ALTHOUGH Ireland's folk tradition has long made its presence felt in the rock marketplace, the impact of Scotland's equally rich folk heritage has been less pronounced. Even Runrig, the current champions of the region, have only broken through to wider success elsewhere by turning themselves into a rootsier version of Big

Country.

This is about to change, thanks in large part to the pioneering efforts of Capercaillie, a young, Gaelic-speaking band from Oban, a fishing town on the west coast. Already in Scotland they are commanding audiences of between two and three thou-

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sand. In London this week they had to make do with a couple of hundred knowing souls, but that could quickly multiply, given the unique and stirring quality of this performance.

Stretched across the full extent of the small stage, the seven-piece band was armed with an assortment of ancient and modern instruments. Accordion, recorder, fiddle and bodhran were complemented

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by Simon

by electric bass and keyboards. Their playing styles produced an eccentric mixture of fling and funk. Although armed with a conventional kit, drummer James McIntosh played it with what looked like a pair of miniature besom brooms, while Manus Lunny has a evolved a style of bouzouki playing which in different circumstances might have earned him a place in James Brown's band.

The focus of attention was singer Karen Matheson, a slight figure, dressed in black,

whose diffident manner suggested a lack of confidence. It was nevertheless her calm but committed presence and bewitching voice which pulled the disparate elements of the band's music into focus. Singing in both Gaelic and English she gave pure expression to songs which adapted the music and sounds of a celtic heritage to a modern aestheric, a time-machine trick which echoed at moments the way in which the Israeli singer Ofra Haza splices traditional Yemenite laments to funky beatbox rhythms.

On material ranging from the slow ballads "Outlaws" (about the poll tax) and "Crime of Passion" tin memory of the massacre at Glencoet to irresistibly sprightly romps like "Waiting for the Wheel to Turn" and "Coisich A Ruin" they displayed versatility and imagination while keeping a firm grip on their cultural brief. The Brazilian/Gaelic fusion of one of the encores prompted an energetic outbreak of dancing in the crowd. "It's a long drive from Oban." accordionist Donald Shaw said, looking at the ranks of happy faces. "I guess it was just about worth it."

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Barry is the latest Irish playwright to be introduced to London by the Bush, but, judging by Caroline FitzGer-ald's pluckily acted production, he has not the

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Ambling nostalgia with no bite

shrewdness of Declan Hughes, let alone the depth of Billy Roche. Even if one looks below dialogue that varies disconcertingly from the homey to the poetic, White Woman Street seems a pretty soft-centred piece. It aspires to be about alienation but comes across as all ambling nostalgia and no bite.

The troupe includes a black (Patrick Miller) who hopes

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Bush

the gold "will make me shine", a Brooklyn Russian (David Yip) dreaming of ancestral Easters, and a dim Englishman from Grimsby (George Irving); but their

Gilbert & Sullivan's

leaders are two. Good old Mo (Roy Hanlon), a guru from Amish country, spends the play affably ending Christian charity. O'Hara (Jim Norton) is much preoccupied with his native Sligo and with White Woman Street, the town where he once came to lay an Irish whore with "wild green eyes as lost as emeralds in a Texas stream", only to

discover in the dawn that she

was a suicidal Indian. It is largely to lay this ghost that he is back in Ohio.

Anyway, he achieves an apotheosis in the arms of Mo, who croons "may your eyes not see me, may they see the hawthorns of home". Well, Barry is writing a play for the Abbey. Maybe that will be a more robust creation.

Itinerary in Brief

Fly London to St Petersburg (excursion to Pushkin). Cruise to Lake Onega and visit Kizhi Island.

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22 shimmering grey domes in three tiers are more than a match for the fairytale St Basil's in Moscow. The highlight for most will be time spent in St Petersburg which, like Venice, is frozen in time. Built on numerous islands in the delta of the Neva. the city was the vision of Peter the Great. His successors carried on his master plan making it one of the world's most beautiful cities.

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s it something in the water at Shepherds Bush? Is the place a covert wells? Shepherds Bath is not actually as risible as it might sound. At the height of the fashion for watering places there were schemes for resorts at such suburbs as Upper Norwood and Surbiton. The proposed Beulah Spa at Norwood would have been as grand as Buxton. But why spa? Why did that small town in the Ardennes become an eponym? Was it that a foreign suffix was reckoned to lend an exoticism not conveyed by wells or bath? No doubt. And in the promotion of pleasure enterprises the same practice continues today, as we shall see.

OK, let's admit that it's not the water. And I think that anyone who has visited would agree that there's nothing too special about the air down there at the Bush. So to what combination of circumstances can this suburb's gastronomic emi-nence be attributed? It is unquestionably eminent. The Brackenbury. Snows. Chinon, Wilsons. I've written about the first two in recent months. I hadn't visited the others for five years.

Why should those who live in a demographically kindred suburb such as, say. Holloway be so much more poorly served than those who live in the Bush? The answer can't be just the BBC, but that's a clue. The Bush may not have the waters. it may not have the air, it may be no one's ideal resort. But it has the advantage of being a mixed-use suburb, which is rare in London. Its restaurants, and its innumerable wine bars, have two dienteles: workers and residents, daytime and night-time. Add to that rents way below those of Kensington or Holland Park, easy access from these areas, proximity to the hardly less affluent burghers of Chiswick and Bedford Park and it seems to have been purpose-built for

Even so, a restaurant needs to announce itself by some means or another. Chinon is self-effacing to the point that the owners had not bothered, when I went there a couple of weeks ago, to replace the name sign which had fallen off the fascia. Add to that a shop window obscured with curtain linings and a looking at a place which does not Beerenauslese, its rosti is burnt. go out of its way to court custom. Hardly surprising, then, that only



Jonathan Meades explores a

suburb that's ripe

for restauration

one other table, was occupied. So there were four of us there, which meant, that it was 20 per cent full. It is a very small outfit. It's furnished with junk-shop and auction-room troves: jazz-modern printed velvet on the chairs, a Brian Cook-style townscape of Segovia, a lot of pink, a tented ceiling. One suspects that whoever did this had their taste formed by Biba, circa 1974. The co-owner waits. She is inter-

mittently very voluble - hence the gen that neither she nor her partner who cooks had ever been to Chinon. Perhaps it was a name chosen off a bottle. She disappears for protracted periods behind a screen which masks the kitchen. Jazz plays constantly, though numbers are sometimes interrupted at the house's whim, just as they might be at home. It's all pretty much off the wall, shabbily nonconformist, a world away from the sleek professionalism that is today's norm. I think it's fair to say that the surroundings do not promote the expectation of cooking as fine and inventive as that which is in fact served. Predictably, perhaps, the cooking is as careless of current fashions as the dining-room. But in a different way. It's high-performance stuff tempered by just enough sense to stop it trespassing into the realm of circus

With the exception of cheese. which although of good quality was all on one note and which was served with a tart tamarillo and some bitter grapes, dinner was impressive. Squid is used as a sort of raviolo with, typically, two fillings - one of an aptly uncheesy pesto, the other a tomato fondant. Foie gras is served with Jardons, making it a luxury version of liver and

Main courses are served on plates the circumference of a Mini's

wheel. There is just enough room on the tiny tables for two of them. They need to be this size in order to display the manifold components. Sweetbread is roast and served with tomatoes slow-roasted in chilli oil, pine nuts, garlic cloves, a layer cake of aubergine and skinned peppers, a hemispherical cabbage leaf which contains potato puree. The hemispherical cabbage leaf on the colliding plate contained bacon and sweated onion bound with something creamy; the main feature was beef with cracked peppercorns (unannounced on the

The only pudding is a copious anthology of items: it is again characteristic of the place that is unaccommodating towards the punter who doesn't want to be dictated to. Still, these puddings are first-rate. They include rhubarb sorbet, elderflower mousse, almond tart, blood orange sorbet, two sorts of chocolate cake, berries in a "basket". The breads are first-class, so are the truffles and cakes with coffee. The wine list is more in line with the dining-room than with the

couple of hundred yards away. Wilsons is a different sort of establishment: Leasy-going, endlessly accommodating, more endearingly eccentric. There are tartan tablecloths, a customer in a tartan suit, a proprietor in a tartan tie (but he also wears cowboy boots), a bagpipe on a wall, pipe music, Dundee folk music (which sounds like Joan McBaez). There are bare boards, good paintings, a trompe-l'oeil of a shelf, a frieze of cauliflowers, and an attractive stained glass to the outside. The cooking, and the prices, are pitched at a less ambitious level than are Chinon's.

There is no attempt here to render every dish a tour de force. It may be simpler but it is no less appealing. The emphasis is on good grub rather than on a form of haute cuisine. It's expert and individual good grub though. There's nothing sloppy or knockabout here. The cooking is precise, clever and confident.

There are affinities with The Greenhouse's school of British cooking. Hot ham is served with parsley sauce — each item is moter, is not a patron and has splendid, and so too is home-made never been there. I apologise for piccalilli, a version which quite any embarrassment caused.



JONATHAN MEADES'S RESTAURANT GUIDE

Marks, up to a maximum of ten, are awarded for cooking and although they are intended to reflect value for money they are not determined by this consideration alone: certain very costly restaurants are very good, certain very cheap ones are, too. All the prices given are approximate — they are for a three-course meal for two, including modest wine and an aperitif.

Dishes are mentioned only as an indication of a restaurant repertoire, and are subject to frequent change. Review-included in this directory each week are distilled from article previously published in the main column. It is not only discourteous but illegal to dishonour bookings, that goes for

FINE WINES

Winteringham Fields
Winteringham, near Scunthorpe.
Humberside (0724 733096) Overlooking the Humber. A 16th-century house full of Victorian gewgaws and furniture. The young staff are sound. The cooking by the Swiss ownerchef is unusual, often elaborate and almost consistently successful. It is weirdly sweet-toothed; thus sweetbreads are accompanied by a fantastical-looking, orange-flavoured pastry and a sweetish mixture of yoghuri, cream and candied peel. Steak is served with grilled snails. Oysters and courgette flowers are deep fried, Impressive cheeses and some good wines, including a number of Swiss bottles. Lunch Tues-Fri, dinner Mon-Sat. E75 plus. Set lunch E42 plus. Winteringham Fields also has

Al San Vincenzo
30 Connaught Street, W2
(071-262 9623)

rooms from £60.

A self-raught Neapolitan chef whose British chefs, albeit with a slight Italian accent. Not an address for either pasta or polenta. But there is some kinship with the nuova cucina chess of Rome and

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has an airy touch with apparently rustic dishes. The wine list is good. So is the selection of bitters. It's altogether an oddity in eating places, and a very welcome one. Now with a recently extended menu. E70 dinner. Lunch

Bistro 190 \$\frac{190 \ Queensgate, London \ SW7}{(071-531 \ 5666)}

Enterprising and user-friendly bistro whose generally sound classic dishes are now and again spoiled by over-elabora-tion. Brandade of salt cod with salt cod fritters, sausages with creamy mash and bollito misto are all basically sound if deficient in this or that detail. Garlic terrine, lemon tart and the generously priced wines are outstanding. ESU plus. Lunch and dinner every day.

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selection of Loire wines in Britain — and there can be few places in the Loire valley which match it. The cooking has little affinity with these wines. It is runof the mill Franglais stuff. What should be hearty dishes are spoiled by dainti-ness. Fish is rather better dealt with. £55-£65. Lunch Mon-Fri, dinner Mon-Sat

FINE PUDDINGS

The Feathers Hotel

Market Street, Woodstock,
Oxfordshire (1993 812291)

Predominantly Georgian hotel which has been restored with imagination in a variety of styles. The young thei, David Lewis, cooks with assurance Dishesuch as duck with honey and caramelised gartic, scallops and tuna with a meaty sauce, oxiail braised with Madeira and bone marrow are all punchily flavoured. The puddings are also very good, souffle finters are beignets and should not be missed, nor burgundies, £68 plus, Lunch and dinner

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ney. Chicken liver purée is served with home-baked bannocks, which

are particularly high-grade oat

cakes. The baking is altogether accomplished: chicken is given a

buttery shortcrust pie top, stuffed with mushroom duxelles and sauced with port. The red cabbage

with it was redundant, so too was a

bundle of frizz with baked cod. This

was otherwise accompanied by bacon and a dever sauce of garlicky, pureed haricots. Sweets

were bread and butter pudding

and mango sorbet, the latter superi

or to the insufficiently lubricated

pud. The 40-bin wine list is soundly

chosen; the prices of the bottles, as

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All in for a spicy celebration

ver since Claudia Roden mentioned fish couscous during a Jewish Book Week lecture on food and life in the Sephardic community I have had this dish on my mind. She transported her audience from kitchen to kitchen, from Cairo to Marrakesh, Venice to Istanbul, and took us on a culinary journey across the centuries, following the Sephardic Jews after their banishment from Spain. Portugal and Sicily in 1492 to new homelands in Turkey. Italy. Egypt and North Africa, where their cooking developed with local ingredients

Tril's light and lemony Greek soup is traditionally made with chicken stock, but can also be made with a fish stock or a well-flavoured vegetable stock. The cooking liquid from chickpeas or other pulses, such as cannellini beans, makes a very good base for vegetable stock. This is is a quick and easy soup

Avgolemono soup
(serves 6)
2-21/2pt/1.15-1.451 stock
3rbsp long-grain rice, such as Patna
2 free-range egg yolks
2-3tbsp lemon juice
seasoning

Put the stock into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Scatter in the rice, lower the heat and simmer until the rice is tender. Beat the egg yolks and lemon juice in a small bowl or cup. and then beat in a ladleful of simmering broth. Remove the soup from the heat and stir in the egg. lemon and broth mixture. Let it heat through without simmering, otherwise the eggs will curdle. Season to taste and serve.

THE next dish, also based on the Greek spanakopitta, is very good hot, cold or warm, and is suitable for vegetarians and meat-eaters alike. It is also as much at home in a picnic basket as on the dining table. I like to use a mixture of cheese - feta for sharpness, ricotta or cottage cheese for mellowness, and a hard cheese. which melts and holds the filling

(serves 6)	
2'/4ib/ lkg spinach	
60z/170g butter	
salt. pepper	
freshly grated nutmeg	
30z/85g ricotta or cottage cheese	•
202/60g feta cheese, crumbled	
20z/60g Parmesan, Pecorino. Cheddar	
or Gruyere, grated	

Wash and pick over the spinach removing any tough central stalks. Shake dry, and cook in a lai covered saucepan with a third of the butter until the spinach has wilted and collapsed. Drain and cool the spinach, and season with salt, pepper and numeg. Stir in the cheeses.

10 sheets phyllo dough

Thickly butter a square or round sponge fin. about 1-1/2in/2.5-4cm deep and approximately Bin/ 20.5cm across. Brush each layer of phyllo dough with melted butter before peeling it off the pile. Line the tin with 5 sheets of buttered dough, and spoon in the spinach mixture. Cut the remaining 5 sheets of dough to fit the top of the pie. Lay 2 sheets on top, and then bring the overlapping lining sheets over the top layer of dough. To finish the pie, lay on the last three sheets of dough, cut to the size of the tin. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for and customs graft-ed on to traditional

Mrs Roden finally took us to Israel, where the Sephardie Jews are today making an impor-

tant contribution to that nation's gastronomy. Vibrant flavours and colours are features of their cooking, and my main recipe today is inspired by the fish couscous. But it should not be called that. Mrs Roden is a meticulous field worker.

Frances Bissell, The Times cook, suggests a cross-cultural weekend with the vibrant

flavours of the Mediterranean

authenticated. She does not embellish, nor does she practice "crosscultural cooking". I, on the other hand, cannot resist picking and choosing from the vast array of ingredients available.

persimmons from California and sundried tomatoes from Sicily; lemons preserved in oil from my own store cupboard; pine nuts from Garcia. the Spanish shop in

London's Portobello Road: Portuguese olive oil from the Lisboa grocery in nearby Golborne Road: and a hefty grouper, flown in from the Seychelles, which I bought from George, the Mauritian expert fishmonger in the same street. This is

where to go for vara-vara, parrot fish, capitain and coral trout, silver scabbard fish, dolphin fish or mahi-mahi as well as the more familiar fish. We have come some way from Sephardic food; this is now a much

wider celebration of good food. With Passover this weekend as well as the Greek Orthodox Easter, Liberation day in Italy, Freedom day in Portugal, and Iceland celebrating the first day of summer at the same time as we celebrated St George's day, why not? Here is a feast of dishes with

Mediterranean overtones that are well suited to our own kitchens.

Into my spicy fish stew went dried All the recipes in her books are

about 45 minutes, raising the heat for the last ten minutes or so to brown the top. Remove from the oven, allow to cool slightly, and remove from the tin by inverting a plate over the pie. turning it out, and putting another plate over the base of the pie, and turning it right way up.

PLEASE do not let my mention of dried persimmons in the fish stew put you off trying the next marvellous recipe. I used them because I had them. Rather than substitute dried apricots or peaches, which have a very pronounced flavour, I would use dried apples or pears, or simply a souple of handfuls of sultanas or seedless raisins. Almonds can be substituted for the pine nuts.

you cannot monkfish or the thick end of a cod fillet, something with plenty of depth, texture and density. For the spice mixture, I have not

been too specific, since it is a matter of taste. I like to use plenty of cardamom and cumin, but you might prefer to use more cinnamon and cloves. You can make up the mixture from ground spices, or pound your own with a pestle and mortar, Chillis, too, are a matter of personal preference. If you want to serve a special wine with the dish (it goes very well with brut rose champagne), you may want to use minimal chilli. I find that a mellower flavour is achieved by cooking in the chilli from the beginning, rather than spicing the dish as you eat it with an accompany-ing dash of harissa, the fiery red chilli paste. That way leads to tingling lips.

(serves 6) Spice mixture

Grind and mix together 1thsp of some, or all, of the following in proportions to suit your palate, cardamom, coriander, curnin, black Transfer the stew to a heated cumin, cinnamon, doves Ingredients

2tbsp olive oil I onion, peeled and thinly sliced 1-2 green or red chillis, seeded and sliced

1 aubergine I celery stalk, trimmed lalbr230g avurgenes 4oz/110g dried fruit libsp preserved lemon, chooped (ออย่งกล)

up to 1 pt/580ml fish stock a few mint leaves a few coriander or basil leaves I tsp freshly grated ginger 1-2tsp sugar

1/2/b/230g woked, drained chickpeas 30z/85g pine nuts or flaked almonds 1/lz-2lb/680-900g firm fish fillet, cubed

Fry the spice mixture in the olive oil for a few minutes, and then stir in the onion and chilli. Dice the aubergine. thinly slice the celery and thickly slice the courgeties. Add these to the pan (a large-lidded saute pan or wok is good for this recipe, together with the fruit, lemon and half the stock. Cook for about 20 minutes, and then add the shredded herbs, ginger, sugar, chickpeas and nuts, and cook for a further 10-15 minutes, adding the remaining stock. Put the fish

pieces on top, replace the lid and let the fish just cook through, which will take about 6-8 minutes, depending on the thickness.

serving dish, garnish with mint, olives and toasted almonds, if you wish, and serve with steamed couscous. Another presentation is to spoon

the cooked couscous into an oiled ring mould, press it down, then turn it out on to a heated platter and spoon the fish stew into the centre.

HERE are two Sephardic Passover sweets which are easy to make. The first one is based on a recipe from Gloria Kaufer Greene's Jewish Festival Cookbook, the second from Claudia Roden's Book of Middle

> Mustachados (makes 2-21: dozen) l size-l free-range egg 602/170g ground walnuts 3'/207/100g caster sugar pinch of cinnamon (optional) icing sugar

Grease and flour two baking sheets, and pre-heat the oven to 170C/325F. gas mark 3. Crack the egg into a bowl, and loosen it with a fork. Mix in the rest of the ingredients to form a thick paste. With wet hands, shape the mixture into balls, about an 1in/2.5cm in diameter, and place on the baking sheets. Wet the bottom of a glass, and flatten the balls slightly. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until the

biscuits begin to brown at the edge.

Remove from the oven, and transfer the biscuits to wire racks with a spatula. The biscuits remain chewy in the centre. Dust with icing sugar.

The other sweet is half pudding, half cake, which can be served hot or cold as a dessert with sauce or syrup, or on its own at teatime.

Orange and almond cake

5 free-range eggs l teacup sugar

3/4 teacup ground almonds teacup matzo meal or fine dry white

breadcrumbs Ithap grated orange rind libsp crange blossom water

butter and flour, for cake tin Beat the eggs well in a large bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour the mixture into a buttered and floured cake tin, and bake in a pre-heated moderate oven. 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for about 45 minutes. Cool in the tin,

and then turn out.

☐ Why not serve the spicy fish stew at a Skip Lunch dinner party for friends who have given up their midday meal? Last year, Save the Children raised £5 million to fight famine in Africa by encouraging people to miss at least one lunch and donate the money saved. Skip Lunch Week begins on Monday. Donations can be made at the Woolwich Building Society on the Credit Card Hotline (081-569 8000), or send a cheque, payable to the Save the Children Fund Skip Lunch Appeal, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8 RD.

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON

Check that label before you eat tuna

ollowing Drew Smith's lively Food File programmes on Channel 4. every supermarket seems to have become an Italianate comucopia of virgin olive oil. pasta, pesto and tomato prod-ucts. I've been delighted to see it; but I found it slightly odd when I returned home to remotest northwest Scotland to discover that the village shop, although it can't always obtain unsliced bread or fresh fruit, now sports no less than five varieties of canned tuna. I don't blame the shop: cans keep whereas fresh

produce does not. But there is something excessive about the way we shoppers abandon common sense when the media putspromises of health and slimness under our noses.

On humane grounds, the tuna in these cans is preferable to the broiler chicken portions in the freezer. Wild caught fish meets a fairly nasty end by suffocation of one form or another, but at least it has lived a free and natural life first. And almost all tuna sold in this country is "dolphin friendly" (check the label). That is to

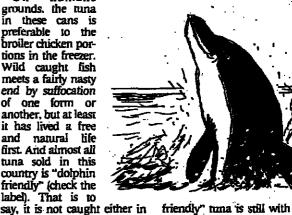
areas where schooling dolphin commonly get entangled in the nets, or by deliberately setting nets where dolphin are seen chasing tuna. That is not to say that dolphin are never accidentally caught, or that many "non-target" creatures, including other fish and seabirds, are not killed as a result of tuna fishing. However, the vast majority of tuna eaten in Britain is skipjack, which, because of its distribution and the purse design of net used to catch it, does not usually incur the dolphin bycatch. It wasn't too difficult to award that blue

sticker to skipjack. The position has been very different in the United States. are the preferred types of tuna Thanks to gigantic efforts on the part of environmental and animal welfare groups, tuna caught by methods destructive to dolphins were eventually outlawed there. But the triumph was short-lived: last August, the terms of the ban were ruled illegal by officials of Gatt, on the grounds that it produced a barrier to trade. Gatt stands for General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. but the generalness of the agreement is somewhat dubious. It represents not so much the producers or consumers of the 108 nations it represents, but foreign trade officials in the grip of the big multinationals. Here only

money talks, not morality. The dolphin and tuna decision is bad enough, but what is worse is that it sets a precedent for overturning any and all environmental or welfare rulings particular to participating nations. The possible consequences are scarcely imaginable - either for animals or for traditional rural societies all over the world who will simply be trodden under by the big corporations in the interests of a free world market.

As long as "dolphin-





friendly" tuna is still with us, use it with respect. I particularly recommend Sainsbury's own brand: it is caught with pole and line, ensuring minimum "bycatch" (polite term for slaughter) of other seadwelling creatures. And, yes, it is a "healthy" food - if you ear it in the healthy Mediterranean manner, eked out with olive oil and plenty of veg-etables, and a glass of wine on the side. Like so many other foods perceived as healthy, if you stuff it to excess it will do you no good at all.

Serve this quick sauce with any sort of pasta or with couscoos. If you prefer very crisp or very soft vegetables, adjust simmering time before

security service
Spicy Tuna Sauce
l tbsp olive oil
2 medium onions
I green and I red pepper
402/100g green beans
2 cloves garlic, crushed
i small fresh chilli

flat tsp cumin seed 150z/400g tin tomatoes (use fresh only if red and ripe) small on tuna

Slice all vegetables. Fry in oil over high heat for three min-utes. Add seasonings and tomatoes, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add tuna, and keep warm for 5 minutes to amaigamate flavours, but without

Rhônes score a hat-trick

B owled over by the olack, rich peppery, perfumed 1990 wines 1 have tasted so far, it is clear that the Rhône valley has produced another great vin-tage. Great rhône wines are characterised by a dark colour. intense, full-bodied flavours. and seductive layers of olackberry and blackcurrant Like the 1988 and 1989 vintages. the 1990s have all these

Given that top French wines are still so very hard to produce, even Francophiles must be wondering how the wine makers of the Rhône have completed their hat-trick. Modern wine-making techniques and improved hygiene must have something to do with it. but the major factor has been the weather. In 1990, a mild, dry winter resulted in an early flowering, and rain in May and August refreshed the vines. In between came an extraordinarily hot, dry summer, followed by fine autumn harvesting conditions. The midsummer drought produced low yields. but the heat boosted the alcoholic concentration and dark. tannic wines resulted. Acidity levels were sufficient to balance the years tannin, fruit and concentration.

The unusually ripe, soft tannins of 1990, means they mature earlier, most reds will start to be ready somewhere between the five to ten-year-old mark, something to be appreciated in an era when cellurs and perfect conditions

for ageing are scarce. Inevitably, comparisons beheads the last three great cineages of the Rhotz are zoing to be made. The wines Drought produces another great vintage, Jane MacQuitty writes

edge over the 1988s, and some 1990 wines, such as Cornas, outshine their 1989 equivalents. Hermitage and Côte Rotie also produced won-derful 1940 vimages. The 1990 southern rhônes are also thought to be finer than the

of 1989 and 1990 have the 1989s, making this a great year for Chateauneuf-du-Pape fans. It has also produced some very fine white wines. particularly Condricu

The consensus is that 1990 was an outstanding year for rhones. Merchant Robin Yapp describes it as "The most

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The Rhone area has produced a great 1990 vintage

stunning vintage of our experience". Bibendum and Lay & Wheeler are equally enthus iastic

Despite this, the wines of the Rhone continue to be underesrimated and undervalued, and first-class rhones still represent extraordinarily good value for money compared with the best of Bordeaux and Burgandy. But with the Americans and others beginning to acquire a taste for them, this cannot last, Bargain humers take note.

Now is a good time to buy 1990 rhones. Lack of recognition and demand, and the European recession which brought prices down well below 1989 levels, make them good value for money. A 15 per cent reduction on 1989 is not uncommon. Moreo it spring frost and harvest rain made 1991 mostly a lacklustre vintage Once this is apparent, prices are bound to

Before you purchase the 1990 rhones, however, it is worth knowing the difference in style between between those of the north and south, which is far greate; than the differ-ence between right- and leftbank bordeaux. Normera-ikhông wines are made poinci-cally from the syrah grape, which produces the durk, farnic penumed ains of Hermitage. Comas and Côte Rotie, Southern Rhone wines are made from a mixture of grape varieties — as many as 13 in the case of Chateauneurdu-Pape - and are warm a and spicier. Entier way, the quality can be equally good in first-class Chair substations Pape is just as memoranic as the tinesi i iermitage

Haute cuisine flies higher Virgin Atlantic has asked a leading

chef to improve its in-flight food

the worst place to try is 1 30,000ft up in the air, says Raymond Blanc, the chefpatron of Britain's foremost palace of gastronomy. Le. Manoir aux Quat Saisons. Perhaps that is why ne has kept quiet about his relationship with Richard Branson's airline. Virgin Atlantic.

M Blanc has been developing dishes for Mr Branson's Upper Class passengers on flights to America and Japan. He is now extremely glad that ne turned down an approach to do a similar job for the much larger British Airways Having experienced the difficulties in providing high-class cooking on an airline. M Blane is convinced that for er, large airlines they are ınsuperable.

He is, of course a perfec-tionist At Le Manoir, near Oxford, his cooking is punctiliously precise, decoratively de-tailed and salivatingly subtle. to an aircraft, he says, it would To a pressurised caom-

inese is no point in neing subtic he says. The pressure deadens the tastebuds. You need more salt, more sweethass, and more spice before cu can taste anything at all. The recipe for the Raymond biant entrée that Virgin Atlantie's passengers can take home with them is, therefore, not the

same as that used in the airline.

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consumption. It is the same with wines. Tastings on board have shown that wines considered "over-the-top" at ground level are acceptable at altitude. M Blanc now chooses the Virgin wines, which all have blindingly obvious. big. upfrom, fruity flavours - and not many of them are French.

Enabling the customers to taste anything is the least of the problems. M Blanc says. Preparing an haute cuisine meal in airline kitchens and serving it to the customer in a recognisable condition makes the mere creation of the recipe sceni simple.

"I have had great chefs' airline meals before," M Blanc says, "and I never enjoyed one of them." But he does not blame the chel. "There are so many things that can go wrong, and usually they do often several times over for the same meal." I saw what he meant on a

iest flight to New York for the public launch of his 18-month ollaboration with Virgin Atlantic Virgin had already received accolades from the travel trade press for its transatlantic Upper Class service and food, yet the prawn salad starters arrived almost frozen. and one of the red wines (not M Blanc's choice) was a different (and inferior) vintage to that on the menu card. The old-fashioned crusty bread rolls, on the other hand, were flavoursome and far better than the usual airline pap.



Raymond Blanc: "I have never enjoyed an airline meal"

Unfortunately, the airline had since dispensed with the services of the baker, because his deliveries were late. The fish, pre-cooked in the

airline caterers' kitchen and reheated aboard the plane. looked understandably dis-tressed. However, while I would have found it unacceptable at Le Manoir, it tasted good, flavoured with herbs and spices. Its fennel and cardamom sauce was served separately, unlike the preapplied splodge of thickened goo airlines normally serve. Better still, the vegetables (baby beans and broccoli) really were still green, bright and crunchy. On the return flight, with M Blanc no longer

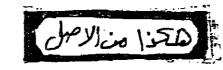
involved, the beans had gone

blue-grey and lost all texture. "It is a constant struggle," says M Blanc of his relationship with the airline caterers.
"Frankly they had chefs who simply had to go. I could not work with such people, set in

work with such people, set in their ways and unwilling to try anything new."

The new chefs, along with their catering staff and cabin crews, received some of their training at Le Manoir, and ate there. "We had to prove to Virgin's people that all the fuss would be worthwhile." M would be worthwhile." M Blanc says. "I think they have found that it was, but it has not been easy. With a larger, more intractable airline I could not have done anything."

ROBIN YOUNG



See the light with rustic revival

Canadian folk furniture is inspiring a

1990s look, Nicole Swengley reports

ome-owners seeking a fuss-free style of interior furnishing for the 1990s can draw inspiration from a brightly coloured collection of furniture and textiles made by the Mennonite and Hutterite communities in Canada more than 100 years ago. The collection, which is called "All Things Common" and has not been seen in Britain before, went on show in Lon-

don this week. While the influence of the Shakers on our interior furnishing is al-ready well documented by the style magazines. and sales of homegrown country furniture remain buoyant, Michael Regan, the Canadian High Commission's visual arts officer, who has put together this potentially influential

tion, says: "This is the sort of furniture that people can relate to and live with. Although it is ethnic and rustic, it has its roots in a European tradition. It is less refined than Shaker furniture, being plainer and simpler, but it isn't 'precious' because its basis is

The domestic furnishings on show were made by the Mennonites and Hutterires, religious seets which sought spiritual freedom in the New World when they fled political and cultural intolerance in Europe in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Some settled in Pennsylvania and then moved to Ontario. About 100 years later, a second wave arrived in western Canada from Russia. The Hutterites also settled in western Canada, having journeyed from Russia and

The general perception of these orders tends to be shaped by popular imagery of horse-drawn buggies, plain meeting houses and black clothing. This is probably an accurate picture of their public life but the austerity did not extend to the design and production of their

furnishings.
Unlike the Shakers, a high level of colour was introduced by painting furniture in solid primaries and using dyed threads in their intricately worked decorative textiles. Embroidered towels, samplers, painted handkerchiefs, floor-mats and quilts on show in the exhibition reveal this celebration of colour, along with painted or inlaid chests, desks, beds, sleeping benches, seats, tables, bureaux and keepsake or Bible boxes. In addition to their wish for

simplicity in church structure and worship — and, by extension, their crafts — the Hutterites added the notion of "all things common by which it was the

community, rather

than the individ-

ual, which held possession of earthly goods. Furniture in Ontario-Mennonite homes is made of either hard or soft wood.

Cherry was popu-lar; black walnut or figured maple less so; pine was an economically attractive alternative, usually painted in solid colours or more elaborately in imitation of

hardwood grains.

Pine was the common cabinetmaking material for Mennonites in the Prairie provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the colours used — primarily yellow or red with black trim — bear a striking similarity to the Hutterite furniture. Smaller items, such as domestic utensils, were also highly decorated. Simple tools such as wooden apple-peelers or cabbage-cutters could easily be painted, carved or inscribed by members of the family.

Another decorative tradition was Fraktur. part of a calligraphic tradition practised within the German Mennonite, Amish and Hutterite communities in Europe. In Canada it came to refer to the stylized flowers, animals, hearts, vines and other hand-drawn embellishments in the margins and space between texts on samplers and documents, such as birth and marriage records, and on book

From Ontario came a related art form, paper-cut work. By folding and cutting paper, symmetrical designs were produced, which look

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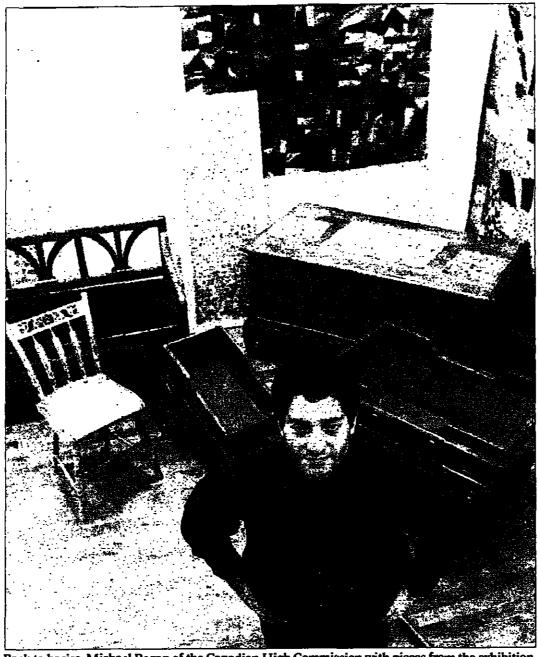
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remarkably like the Fraktur watercolour work.

Hand-spun linen incorporated traditional symbols, usually in red or blue, such as the eight-pointed star, the heart, the tree of life, and occasionally human figures.

By the mid-19th century, quiltmaking became popular. Waterloo County Mennonite quilts were more often pieced than appliqued with their traditional designs exu-berantly coloured. Hooked mass and other floor coverings were similarly bold, and included geo-

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metric, floral and landscape Mr Regan says that original Mennonite and Hutterite furniture

and furnishings are widely avail-

able in antique shops in Toronto, Calgary and Winnipeg. Prices in Canada range from about £38 for a chair, £85 for show towels, samplers from £75, £138 for chests of draws, and storage cup-

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Shaker furniture for today's interiors is anything to go by, it should not be long before the colourful, yet simple, style of antique Mennonite and Hutterite furnishings enjoys a

● The exhibition "All Things Common: Mennonite and Hutterite Home Furnishings" is at Canada House. Trafaigar Square, London SWI. and runs until July 3. Although only a few exhibits will be for sale, Michael Regan can put interested buyers in touch with specialist Canadian dealers. Phone him

Toll rings for Welsh gold

The metal chosen for generations of royal wedding bands has run out

the thin band of gold that marks out the married from the single, is under threat in Wales. Supplies of the precious metal, which has been used for royal wedding rings for generations. have run out.

The Britannia Gold company, which marketed gold from the Gwynfynydd mine, near Dolgellau in Snowdonia, sold its last few ounces and closed in 1989, marking what could be the end of the Welsh gold industry.

Three Welsh jewellers licensed to work with the rare yellow metal bought large quantities before Christmas, but such is the demand for wedding rings and other gold pieces that stocks are not expected to last for more than a year.

Boodle and Dunthorne, the jewellers which bought rings from Britannia Gold, are down to a dozen, and the Wedding Centre in Hatton Garden, London, another traditional outlet for Welsh gold. cannot meet demands.

Clive Ranger, the Cardiff-based jeweller and one of three licensees to work in Welsh gold, has enough rings to last only few months, leaving the market open to two small specialist jewellers, Rhiannon Evans and Kelvin Jenkins, who work in rural mid-Wales.

And so it is to these two outposts. Corris, in the mountains of Gwynedd, and Tregaron, in the rolling countryside of Dyfed, that couples from all over the world come to have their wedding rings handmade in Welsh gold

The resident Welsh are the best

hat ultimate in love tokens. customers. aic 52 whose families had them to Wales. But as the good man increasingly rate from the or anxious to buy it.

Because of the differable tracting Welsh 20ld, 6 s 200 two-thirds more than other account 18-carat wedding 50-20 about £200. A nurr so this can costs £97.

The Clogati St. David near Dolgellau, which it. heyday at the turn of the produced the magget of gifts. was to make wedding range ----Queen Mother, the Charletter. Prince and Ponces of recent years. Sir Mark W. S. presented the road table was kilo of gold mined at Claytic. and from which the Duck.

York's wedding and was much There is still good in the wife hills, but the viability of many menany quantity is remote. Ms 1 - in and Mr Jenkins invested the than £100,000 in gold Christmas but they doubt it it is will last long. Weish gold to man brittle and difficult to work that other gold, but Ms had a crossbeautiful pieces of jew-lien in the Celtic tradition, including the nonular wedding rings Shy or a her Tregaron shop in 1917

In Corris, Mr Jensans at some a a range of wedding range, but it. specialises in engagement rings Pure Welsh gold is hall the and stamped with the words. We Cymru" (Welsh goldr and a th engraving of a Welsh maden.

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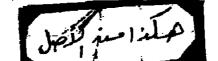
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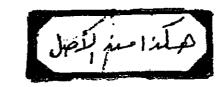
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Why the green grass of home turns me pale

have foolishly been looking at the other man's grass and, as you might expect, it is much greener. So I am green, with envy. This confuses me, because I thought that being an organic farmer I was being as Green as 1 could be. The problem is that the Greener one's farming methods, the less likely one is to find one's meadows as lush as the next man's

at this crucial time of year. The demands of intensive farming do not allow the conventional farmer time to wait for the soil to warm and the clover and humus to work their fertilising magic. Instead, he must pour fertiliser from a bag; so that no sooner has it crossed the mind of the first swallow to head north, than his blades of grass are a foot long. So slender are farming profits these days that every ounce of goodness must be

extracted from the land. But the organic man is, to a FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

certain extent, compensated for his patience. He knows that cows grazing over-femilised swards are more likely to suffer mineral deficiencies and even die, because of the changed chemical balance of the grasses. He knows too that

the compost he has added to his land will act as a sponge and give up moisture through the long hot summer when less cared for pastures will have been burnt like toast.

Even so, when he looks across the hedge in the spring and sees his neighbour's grass twice the height of his, he suffers a demanding test of his organic faith. I have been testing myself, in

Dorset. I walked part of the coastal path which rambles across the fertile downs, where a combination

of soil, southern warmth and maritime dampness create a perfect country for growing grass. But good grass doesn't happen by accident. Even our prime minister underates it. When asked on his celebrated visit to the BBC's Desert Island what his luxury

would be, Mr Major replied: "The Oval cricket ground." And then, in a sentence which worried me deeply, he declared: "It will be marvellous. The sun will shine and the grass will grow." But what about the rain, the clover, the weeds, the harrowing, the rolling, the grazing?

Other worrying thoughts raced through my head as I ambled through the Dorset meadows on a so-called "break". The blades of

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Sarah Stanbury, who scored the

first goal in their 2-0 semi-final

to have a laugh," Miss Whitehead enjoying the action. "The women's

game relies on skill and commit-

ment. It's good to watch and it's

In the semi-finals, both played at Vauxhall Conference team Yeovil

Town's new ground, there was plenty of skill as well as goals.

Doncaster Belles romped home to a

10-1 victory over Maidstone Ti-

gresses. Red Star, in the hands of player-manager Pat Chapman, who once scored six goals in a cup

final, were surprise winners over

Wimbledon, who receive a lot of

support from the men's club.

oday's crowd will include

male and female fans of

all ages. "A lot of young

men used to come along

defeat of Wimbledon, is 18.



to the sea breezes, licked the top of my boots: here at home they hardly touch the laces. I thought about my flock of Dorset sheep and felt I should grab a pocketful of their

native grass and take it home for them, like seaside rock to a child. On the other hand. Dorset seems to have a large number of Suffolk sheep and perhaps I ought to grab a few handfuls of our grass and sheep appreciate home cooking. But I am not motivated by envy when I spy my neighbour's grass. The point is that not until the grass is growing vigorously will it be time

to turn out the stock that have been wintering in the farmyard. For them it will be a blessed release, for no matter how comfortable you try to make a yard, farm animals naturally belong in wide open spaces. And, more to the point, this farmer gets fed up with

the daily routine of carring feed. It has been going on now since the end of October and I am at the point where the sight of another mangelwurzel will make me sick. I planted them, hoed them, lifted them, carried them, and now six months later I am still picking them up one by one dropping them in a bucket and placing them before cattle. I am at the point where I can almost recognse indi-

post it to them. I am sure that even - vidual ones. Even worse next week I shall be sowing next winter's crop-Torture by mangelwartels.

But even when the carting stops and the yard gates are opened vide on to the meadows will the stock be any happier? If the sheep are anything to judge by, not necessarily. After three months of hustline and barging at the trough and living closer to their tellow sheep than naturally inclined, they still think that something is greener beyond the fence.

A couple of weeks ago, I aurrent them out on to a passage bristing with grasses of countless samet and specially planted herbs. But hey hardly bent their heads to taste it. They stood at the cate bleating to

come home.
If they could take one luxur, wain them to the desert meadow, they explained, it would be a farmvard and a man with a bucker. I shall decline the invitation.

Belles of the ball

Goodison Park, Liverpool, Dick Kerr's Ladies of Preston, a football icam of munitions workers, played a match against St Helen's Ladies to raise money for the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association. The crowd was 52,000, and the match raised £3,055.

This afternoon at Prenton Park. Birkenhead, the Doncaster Belles and Red Star Southampton will compete in the 22nd Women's Football Association Cup Final, the season's main prize. Television cameras will be there to record the highlights, and the game's organisers are hoping to double last year's crowd of 4,000.

A lot has happened between the wo events. In 1921, a year after the Boxing Day success, the FA banned women's football, claiming that it was not a suitable game for them, and doubting that the considerable sums of money raised for charity had all found their way to the rightful organisations.

It was not until 1969 that women's soccer became official again, with the formation of the Women's Football Association. The association was launched with 44 clubs. Today there are 410 in England and Wales, compared with 250 two years ago. This afternoon's final, being

played for the second time at the Second Division club Tranmere Rovers' ground, marches the Premier League champions Doncaster Belles, four times Cup winners, against Red Star Southampton. ing their first appearance in the cup final. "Now that we've got television, it has become a more important occasion," says Linda Whitehead, a lifelong Blackburn Rovers fan who became the WFA's

first secretary 11 years ago.
Television has helped to bring about increased awareness of the sport, and a great increase in membership." Last year women's football attracted average viewing figures of two million for Channel 4's coverage of the sport.

More people watched us than Faul Gascoigne's soccer school." More women than ever are donning their football boots. Lynne Greenwood reports



Playing to win: Wimbledon players give their team encouragement

Miss Whitehead says, with a glint in her eye. Guest of honour at the final, who will be introduced to the teams before the game in the traditional manner, is Tom Pendry, the MP and former chairman of the Parliamentary All-Party Football Committee, who recently invited Miss Whitehead to address the group at the Commons.

"The women's game is one of football's great success stories and indeed growth areas - of recent years," he says. "But 1 am confident that the success so far is merely the tip of the iceberg. The exciting future and it is up to all of us to develop that potential."

The England and Doncaster Belles captain, Gillian Coultard. capped by her country 63 times, has been part of that success. She started playing football at the age of 13 and at 28 is still enjoying the game, when not working as an assembly line supervisor.

"I think I'm at my peak and as long as I'm enjoying playing, I'll carry on," Miss Coultard says. "We are a good tearn — we've got players who come to us from Hull, Liverpool. Nottingham and Leeds - but

Thirty Football League clubs have women's teams. Millwall showed the way with its anti-sexist scheme, sponsored by Lewisham Council, to adopt its local women's team, the Lionesses. Millwall allowed the women access to its ground, training facilities, kit and

Other clubs followed. First Division Arsenal went a step further by allowing girls to join the club from school, on the same coaching programme as the boys, to qualify as football coaches. As more women receive the FA's preliminary coaching award they are becoming involved with the mangement of women's teams. About 80 of the 410 women's clubs now have a female manager.

This season saw the introduction of a National League of 24 teams, divided equally into a Premier Division and Division One, North and South. Next season there will be ten teams per division.

The biggest growth area is among nine-16 year-olds, encouraged by changing attitudes in schools. Mixed games are allowed in primary schools but not in older age groups, a decision the Wom-en's FA backs. Instead they want secondary school girls to be given the chance to play women's soccer. "If the game was mixed at that age, it would be detrimental to the

development of the girls' game," Miss Whitehead says. "The men's game is faster; we rely on skill." The greatest restriction on further growth is lack of sponsorship.

Although some clubs manage to negotiate local sponsorship the game needs a big injection of cash. "Two years ago the WFA was running 250 clubs with three members of staff," Miss Whitehead says. "The same three are now running 410 clubs and three official leagues. When you think of the millions spent in the men's game, it sometimes leaves me frustrated and disheartened."

● The WFA, Hanging Ditch. Com Exchange, Manchester M4 3ES (061-832 5911). Today's kick-off at Prenton Park, Birkenhead, is at 2.30pm. Highorrow on Channel 4 at 5.30pm.



Determined: Red Star Southampton's Sarah Stanbury, dark shirt, goes hard for the ball at Yeovill

Feather report

Tuning the reeds

have been spending a lot of time lately walking through, the great reedbeds of Suffolk. A thought occurred to me. What would have been the reaction 50 years ago. 100 ears ago. 200 years ago. to the words I now write: reedbeds are precious, things to be cherished, things on which plenty of money and man-hours are rightly spent? Reedbeds were once regarded as mere deserts; they were

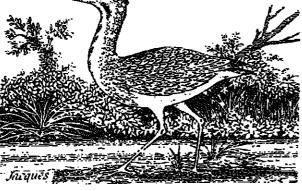
waste land, and there were countless acres of the stuff. Now the reedbeds have mostly gone: drained, dried, ploughed. A walk in reedbeds akes us back to a wilder land in a wilder time. The seas of wast-coloured plants stir the wilder bits of our hearts. And

we have an increasing need of

wildness. The cherishing of reedbeds is a recent phenomenon, but it becomes more urgent every year. The main reason is the bittern: only 20 males were recorded in this country last year. The bird has already been extinct here once, because it was shot. It recolonised this century, but now it is threatened again.

There is no more bittern shooting: modern methods are more drastic. Its habitat has been destroyed, bar a few pockets. One of these pockets is Minsmere bird reserve in Suffolk. I went along to see how they were cherishing the reedbeds there. "I've smashed em all to bits. Not much left of them now," said Ian Robinson, the warden in charge of habitats at Minsmere.

Conservation is a paradoxiczł business, but paradoxes come easily to Mr Robinson. Over the winter he began a project for the regeneration of



the ageing Minsmers reed-beds. The talk about gungho destruction is partly a running joke of his, partly a recogniton of the contradictory requirements of conservation. Bitterns, it has been discov-

ered, like young, wet reedbeds. Reedbeds are not permament things. As reedbeds age, they dry out, depositing humus as they grow and die, paving the way for scrub and trees to march in Today, there is nowhere for new reedbeds to form: the old ones must be managed intensively if they are stay as reedbeds.

The problem is that as reedbeds age they be-come less useful for bitterns. Hence the need for the destructive Mr Robinson, who has embarked on a sevenyear programme of regeneration; planning to cut four or five areas every year and reworking a total of 150 acres.

The work involved is immense. The cutting of the reeds with a strimmer is the easy bit. The killer is the raking-out: all done by hand. of course.

The job must be done with thought: the aim is not clear-

habitat for birds. Mr Robinson builds in reedy barriers behind which birds can feed securely and happily. Finally, the water levels can be raised through a system of sluices. It is a long-term business, all of this. The bitterns are at a

haunt, they are declining. There is a degree of pleasant smugness in seeing a rare bird, and at Minsmere I had glorious, feather-counting views of bittern. It was a wonderful sight, but there was more melancholy than glad-

point of crisis now. Even at Minsmere, long a favoured

ness for me this time. The antidote to despair is action, and it is grand to know that there is still hope for the last wet watery deserts of England, and for the mysterious skulking birds that have their being there. Here's to you, Mr Robinson.

SIMON BARNES

What's about Birders - with spring in full spate, the first house martins are arriving. Twitchers bluethroat singing. Trent Meadows, Derbyshire: alpine swift overflying Margate, Kent. Details from Birdline. 0898 700222

Events

☐ Gatwick horse trials: Five dressage and cross-country events, divided into Novices on Saturday and Open on Sunday.
South of England

Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex (0444 892700). Today and tomorrow. 9am 5.30pm. E7 per car.

☐ Beamish bicycle rally: Gathering of pre-1955 bicydes with costumed riders who ride an eight-and-a-halfmile course at I pm. Open Air Museum, Beamish (0207 23 1811). Tomorrow, 10am. E6, child/OAP, £4.

Marygate riders: Ancient custom in which 100 men and women ride on horse-back around the town's 15mile boundary. Town Hall, Marygate. Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland (0289 330733). Fri, 10.30am.

Six colour-coded courses, plus an adventure course for Rising Sun Countryside

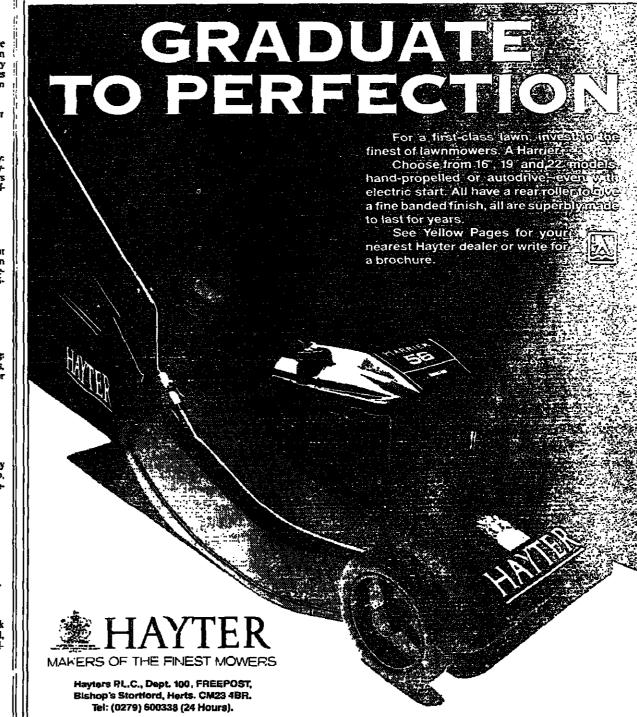
Centre, Whitley Road. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear (091-266 3524). orrow, 10am-noon. £2. child, £1. □ Nottinghamshire count show: Includes carde, sheep, goats and horses, plus vin-

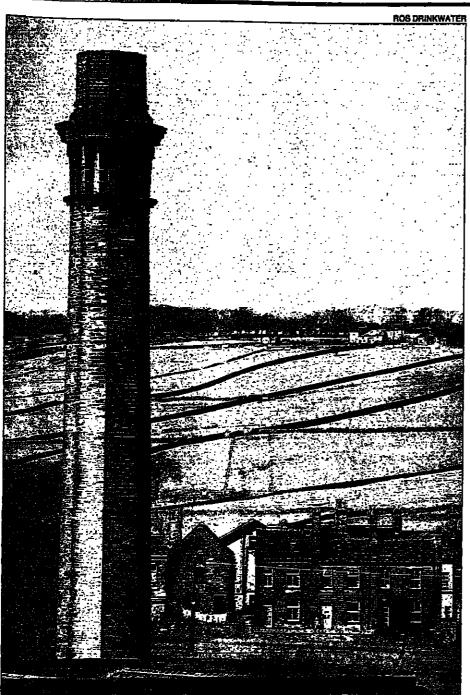
tage tractor procession Newark & Notts showground. Winthorpe. near Newark, Notts (0636-702627). May 1-2. 8am-6pm, May 1: £5.10, child, £2.13, family, £12.50; May 2: £4.25. child. £1.28. family, £12.50.

Garden to visit ☐ Kent: Goodnestone Park has 18th-century parkland,

Ham-5pm, until Oct.

terrace, walled and woodland gardens. Near Wingham Canterbury. £1.50, child. 20p. Plant sale Tomorrow for plant sale. 2-5pm; also Mon-Fri.





Away from it all: beyond the old mill chimneys, the rolling countryside waits invitingly



he saving grace of Brud-dersford. J.B. Priestley said — and we can safely assume he had Bradford and Huddersfield in

mind - was that for the price of a

tuppenny tram ride and a half-hour walk a man could be among the

larks and curlews, feeling the old

recks warming in the sun and seeing the harebells tremble in the shade.

Bradford's nearest moor is Baildon, an easy walk from the village of Saltaire. What follows is a

more adventurous moorland ex-

pedilion, starting eight miles from

the city centre at Haworth but

leaving behind the madding crowd of

camera-toting Japanese tourists,

who even in March throng the

frequent bus service from Bradford

Interchange, behind the Norfolk Gardens hotel, Head for the car-park

opposite the Bronte Parsonage at the top of Haworth's narrow, cob-

on West Lane, near a road junction.

Take the left fork and then follow the

nigh road; you are at once rewarded with a splendid moorland panorama, and the dam of Lower Laithe res-

On the left, opposite a white

Втопе гай.

ervoir beneath

Time change: a new theatre group in "Little Germany", and the old city hall tower while babbling inanely down to a civic dinner in celebration



BEST OF BRITAIN

BRADFORD

The prosperous wool era has passed, but Alan Hamilton finds a wealth of museums and culture — mostly for free

of Baird's patent self-warming socks, once decided to invent the manufacture of artificial diamonds by plugging an entire power station into a bucket of concrete and a carbon rod. The bucket blew up. Baird lost his job, and a large area of the Clyde valley was plunged into a prolonged power cut. The socks didn't do too well either. Undeterred, the genius be-hind the Baird Undersock,

whose secret lay in a sprinkling of borax in the sole, turned his mind to the device which even-tually gave us Andy Pandy, the potter's wheel, Take Your Pick and Blind Date. If he is still watching on his celestial Sony, he ought to be mightily relieved that the charge of inventing television is now shared with Philo T. Farnsworth, Vladimir Zworykin, Karl Braun, Boris the Inner workings of a video-Rosing and an unnamed group recorder, will be understood of boffins at EMI, to name but several.

just about the most visited mentary on Churchill's state museum in the country outside funeral still make the back of London. From Fox Talbot's first your neck prickle? wooden camera to the technolthe museum traces the history of the recorded image, explaining Pathé cock and that desperately by means of all manner of frantic voice-over. "Down the

which children are encouraged



Tribute to a famous son: J.B. Priestley in bronze telephones. It was, to an insider,

exceedingly realistic.

Some of the exhibits, notably only by those under 12. Those who remember watching the These improbable facts are to be gleaned in an unlikely place.

Bradford is home to the Natfying lens feel more at home ional Museum of Photography. with the old television clips; but Film and Television, an outsta- don't Cliff Michelmore and tion of the Science Museum Valerie Singleton look young? which has established itself as And doesn't Dimbleby's com-

Inside a reconstructed newsogy of satellites and Sky Movies, reel theatre, old images come back to life with the crowing by means of all manner of hands-on toys, including real television cameras, which child-ren of all ages are encouraged to play with.

In the gallery of news photography there is a mock-up of a newspaper picture desk, at which children are encouraged from neighbouring Pudew and surch-chained, 200 and more of them, men through whose hands passed at some stage of its manufacture and marketing five-sixths of ail the woollen cloth made in Britain.

Monuments to that wealthy and confident and

the Oval.

The museum inhabits a hid-

eous 1960s monstrosity, built as a theatre but never so employed. Now the auditorium has found new use, housing the Imax cinema system, the only one in Britain, that projects films with remarkable clarity and definition on to the largest screen in the country, as high as a fivestorey building and ooft wide Some of its specially made 45minuters are ravishing to the eye, including a gem on Antarc-tica in which the penguins are 50ft tall, and a NASA view of Earth from the space shuttle, in which the burning of the Amazon rain forest is visible from 350 miles up.

lderly rockers, and younger ones who are rediscovering the joys of 1960s music and who enjoy having their brains turned to pulp by shattering quadraphonic sound, simply must book now for a special production showing on selected days until July: 105 mindblowing minutes of the Rolling Stones on their Sicel Wheels? Urban Jungle concert tour.

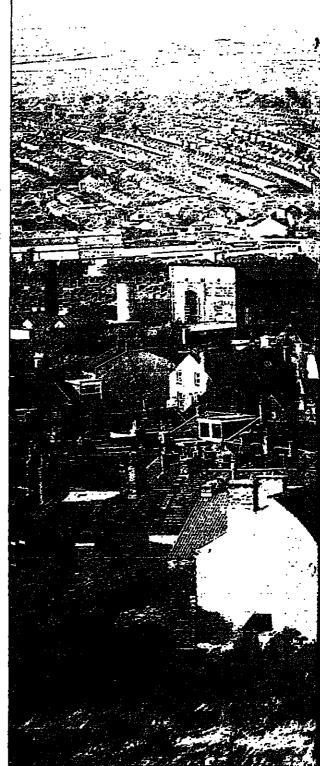
In a less sophisticated photo graphic age, someone took a picture of the members of the Bradford wool exchange, gathered on its trading floor in 1904 for their annual group portrait, a powerful and lasting image. There they stand, bowler-hat-

Lockwood and Mawson, is a mighty 13th-century Gothic assembly surmounted by a Florentine campanile which, given the city's huge immigrant population, looks as if it might double at any time as a minaret from which the muezzin would call Bradford's faithful to prayer.

The wool exchange, also by Lockwood and Mawson, is a fine building fallen on hard times. Its trading floor is under the watchful sculpted gaze of Richard Cobden's free-trade eye, now deserted; they trade wool by fax nowadays. Up on the hammer beams of its high Venetian roof are the carvings of kings and princes of the earth; they might have considered immortalising the odd merino ram instead, given its essential contribution to the city's

prosperity.

Never were the wool barons more pompous and grandiose than in death. In Undercliffe Road, on a hillside on the city's edge, is a remarkable necropolis in which the tombs of Brad-ford's rich and influential clamour to outshine each other in outrageous Gothic ornament. For the Anderton dynasty, a scaled-down replica of Edinburgh's Scott monument; for the Illingworths, an Egyptian mausoleum; for the Holdens, a Graeco-Roman temple. Happily, after years of neglect, Undercliffe cemetery is now in



1873 by the Leeds architects Sunlight on satanic mills: few mill chimneys belch out the



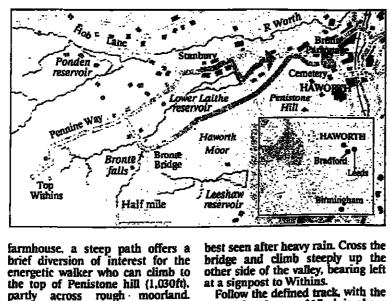
Sales pitch: a news vendor on the steps of the once might

the hands of owners who care for it, and is in the throes of being tidied up and restored. But the true monuments to the wool barons were the mills

they built. Two leviathans survive, although the din of clacking looms is somewhat stilled. Lister's Manningham mills is a giant of building, and its 250ft Italianate chimney is the tallest thing in Bradford. Lister's looms still pour out velvet: take

your window measure with you, as the mill shop make up your curtains (ha just re-hung Balmoral) a

fraction of London prices. Manningham mills, with acres of redundant floor spar is bidding strongly to become the northern outstation of Victoria and Albert Muse where, appropriately, the mu um's Indian collection could housed. And Low Moor, on



ruined farmhouse of Virginia above

and to the right. Keep to the path along the right-hand side of the beck. Cross a tributary stream and climb

the steep bank opposite; near a

deserted ruin you meet the walkers' M1, the Pennine Way.

Turn left along the Pennine Way, and follow it for a mile or so, until

ou reach the summit at Top Withins

1,388ft). The deserted farmhouse. lonely, bleak and brooding is claimed by some to be the model for

Walker's country: the sweeping view from Penistone hill (1,030ft), and the starting point in Haworth for tourists taking the Bronte trail

WHERE TO WALK

From the city centre drive along the B6144 to Haworth, or take the energetic walker who can climb to the top of Penistone hill (1,030ft). partly across rough moorland. Otherwise, continue on the road for half a mile until it meets the bied main street. Walk to the parsonage, and quickly past it, on a walled footpath signposted to Haworth Mgor. The path soon emerges Oxenhope-Stanbury road.

Go straight across and pick up the well-defined track signposted to Brontë falls, which drops down to the valley floor at Sladen Beck. The path remains obvious, but becomes rough in parts and can be wet and boggy after rain.

About a mile from the road, you reach Brontë bridge; a short detour to the left brings you to Brontë falls.

which to scratch a living, however, but the moorland panorama is magnificent. To return, retrace your steps and

continue on the Pennine Way for about two miles, gradually dropping downhill until you are opposite the end of Ponden reservoir, away to the left. Where the way makes a sharp left turn, continue straight ahead on a path which brings you out on to a road (Hob Lane) and the village of Stanbury, where two public houses, the Friendly Inn and the Wuthering Heights, offer the visitor welcome refuelling.

Wuthering Heights, and a plaque on the wall repeats the assertion. The site must have been a poor place in

Go through the village and turn sharp right on the road which crosses Lower Laithe dam. Across the dam, turn sharp left on to a path which brings you back to West Lane by Haworth cemetery. Retrace your steps to return to the parsonage, and an ample choice of further fuel in Haworth village.

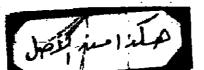
The walk is about 6 12 miles, strenuous in parts but no difficulties. Allow yourself 312 hours. All paths are well defined, but proper footwear and waterproofs are essential, whatever the state of weather. Moorland climate can be fickle, and disorientation all too easy in mist. The OS Outdoor Leisure map 21 (South Pennines) is highly recommended. Haworth Parsonage is at \$E029372.

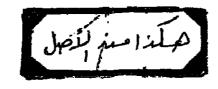


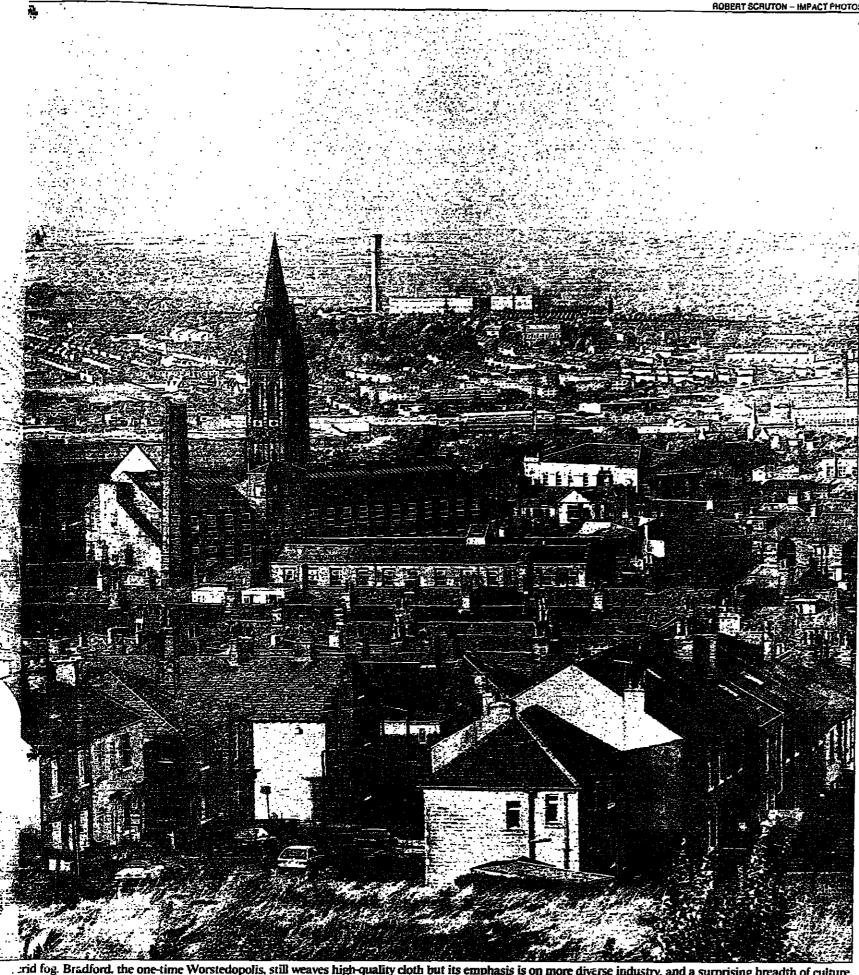
sk a random group people what they con er to be the most impletant difference between holds in Britain and France, and I will say the food. The serio ness of French cooking, the for the quality of the ingredie (all that scrupulous hand p ing of fruit and vegerables in markets), the dedication of cooks, the staggering dive of regional cuisines...
don't have to be a gourne recognise that in matters gast nomic, the French are in a da of their own.

I was awestruck by the the ate when I first visited France the forces in 1945, and 15 feel a surge of excitement sil down to the first meal of French holiday. Even autorus restaurants and fast-food 500 can teach us a lot-

But the wonderful to French cooking is well anced, many British would's by the awful taste the French often show in their furnish and decor. It is not just the di of wallpapers, the garish carp

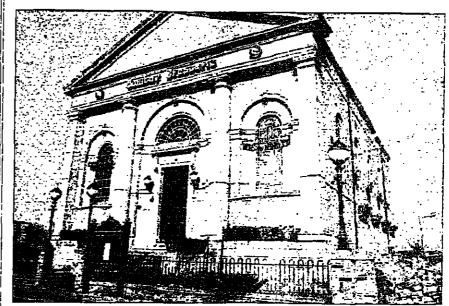






Bradford, the one-time Worstedopolis, still weaves high-quality cloth but its emphasis is on more diverse industry, and a surprising breadth of culture





Nonconformist eating the Bombay Brasserie is housed in an old Baptist chapel

THE joy of eating in Bradford is the enormous number of Asian restaurants, most kept up to a high standard of cooking and authenticity by the city's 70.000 Asian residents.

 Visitors usually start at the Bombay Brasserie in Simes Street (0274 370515), housed in an old Baptist chapel whose every shred of nonconformism has been stripped out to make way for a conformist oriental ambience. Specialities include moghul-e-azam, three different curries in one dish. and thalia sagarana, marinated chicken stuffed with mince. About £30 for two.

The Nawaab, at 32 Manor Row (0274 720371), offers an interesting attempt to marry the culinary cultures of Yorkshire and the Orient: tandoori haddock. Newly refurbished, and offering an extensive high-quality menu. the restaurant's price for a meal for two is about £30.

Many Asians who live in the Bradford area eat at the myriad "fingers-on" corner curry shops, most of which are excellent, authentic and exceedingly cheap. The Karachi, at 15 Neal Street (0274-732015), has dishes from Pakistan and the Indian Punjab, from £2-£5

@ The Kashmir, at 27 Morley Street (0274-726513), was one of Bradford's original Asian restaurants, opening 35 years ago. The Kashmiri-accented menu offers main dishes at mostly under 13.

• If the digestive tract craves relief from spices, head for Restaurant Nincteen, at North Park Road, Heaton (0274-492559), a classy establishment in a leasy suburb. A set four-course dinner for £39 may include roast quail with sauteed polenta, wild mushrooms and Madeira sauce, and loin of spring lamb. Should such a feast render you immobile, there are four letting rooms.

★ WHERE TO STAY ★

lmost in Halifax but still little more than five miles from Bradford city centre. Holdsworth House is the area's premier country house hotel a 17thcentury Grade II-listed building with characteristic Pennine mullioned win-dows, oak beams and a wealth of panelling. It has 40 rooms, from singles to suites, with the option of sleeping in four-posters or half-testers. Run for the past 20 years by the Pearson

family, the hotel has good facilities for the disabled and its restaurant enjoys a growing reputation. Dinner from £27, single rooms from £74. Weekend breaks at discount prices are available. (Holdsworth House, Holmfield, Halifax, West Yorkshire, 0422 240024.)

Pool Court, north of the city near Leeds-Bradford airport, is more a high-class restaurant with rooms. Expensive but indulgent, ideal if someone else is paying. The wine list is pricey, the set dinner menu better value. (Pool Court, Pool Bank, Poolin-Wharfedale. Otley, West Yorkshire, 0532 842288.)

Bradford city centre hotels are mainly standard chain products, more adequate than exciting. The Norfolk Gardens. owned by Stakis, Glasgow's answer to Charles Forte, is conveniently central, directly opposite the City Hall, modern and functional. Concessionary overnight parking in the adjoining multi-storey. There are 121 rooms from £75, with cheap weekend deals on offer. (Stakis Norfolk Gardens, Hall Ings, Bradford, 0274

Lord Forte, Edinburgh's original model for Reo Stakis, owns the Victoria, across the street. Standard Forte fare, with 58 rooms from £60. Usual weekend breaks available. Parking, carvery restaurant, extremely convenient for city centre.

During academic vacations. Bradford

University offers bargain-basement student accommodation to visitors, from £15.95. There are no frills or private bathrooms, but use of student swimmingpool and other sports facilities are in-cluded. (Bradford University, Richmond Road, Bradford, 0274 733466.)



ow redundant, wool exchange

city's southern edge, will soon be transformed into a museum of

Mili owners have passed into legend as dastardly men of unquenchable greed. Not so Sir Titus Sali who, perhaps frightened by the Chartist uprisings in 1849, puilt his 4,000 employ-ees a model village, with a lavatory for each family but not a pub or pawnshop in sight, at Saliaire, on the edge of Bradford.

Salt's mighty mill. 550ft long and seven storeys high, on the banks of the Leeds and Liverpool canal, once wove 30,000 yards of doth a day. The city's heyday is gone, but Bradford's looms still rattle away, which makes the city a wonderful place to go hunting for bargains in suit lengths, sheets, curtains and seconds of haute couture lines with imperceptible minor faults. Entire coach parties descend on the mill shops, and the city tourist office will happily provide a lengthy list of mills which sell at the back door. A local woman boasted to me of her wardrobe bulging with cashmere scarves at £13.95, which sell for £90 in Harrods.

No loom clatters at Salt's mill nowadays, but one of its huge, ground-floor, brick-vaulted weavng sheds is stuffed to bursting with a quieter delight: the largest collection outside his adopted America of the work of David Hockney, Bradford's most famous son after J.B. Priestley. Hundreds of his drawings, paintings and posters hang from the heating pipes in a gloriously informal jumble, mixed with a collection of antique furniture and Charles Rennie Maddintosh chairs, which seem to have nothing to do with anything in particular, while opera blasts from a hi-fi

an armchair. This is how an art

gallery should be: it is nothing if

not welcoming and, like most of Bradford's auractions, it is free. Developed by Englishmen, the Bradford wool trade fell largely

into the hands of Germans, who, after the labouring Irish, became the city's first significant immigrants in the mid-19th century. They built ever-grander wool warehouses in a quarter of the city now known as Little Germany, which boasts 55 listed buildings in barely half a square mile.

Now the immigrants are Asian, an estimated 70,000 of them, and their influence is everywhere, not least in the mosques and Hindu and Sikh temples throughout the city. But diverse cultures traditionally meet through trade, which in Bradford means either an Asian restaurant or the Bombay Stores



Souvenir: a Brontē plate destined for an admirer's wall

and elaborately equipped chil-

dren's playground; a sophisti-

cated b&b hotel in the old town

of Montpellier, overlooking the

cathedral; and a vintage coun-

try château set in a park. In each

case, b&b was no more than £25

better value for money than

There are reasons why

French hotels are so inexpen-

sive: plenty of property on the market, little or no inflation in

land prices, and, until recently,

lower interest rates. But perhaps

the most important factor is the

French tradition of hotel-keep-

ing, passed on from one genera-

In Britain, most independent

hotels are throttled by their

formidable bank loans. In

France, they inherit. And hotels

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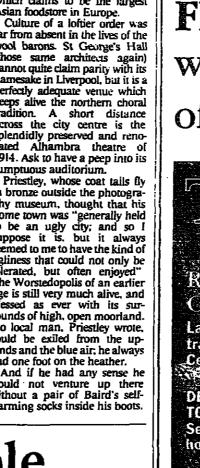
tion to another.

in Shearbridge Road for an immense array of Indian fabrics and jewellery, or Panorama Stores in Woodhead Road which claims to be the largest Asian foodstore in Europe.

Culture of a loftier order was far from absent in the lives of the wool barons. St George's Hall (those same architects again) cannot quite claim parity with its namesake in Liverpool, but it is a perfectly adequate venue which keeps alive the northern choral tradition. A short distance across the city centre is the splendidly preserved and reno-vated Alhambra theatre of 1914. Ask to have a peep into its sumptuous auditorium.

in bronze outside the photography museum, thought that his home town was "generally held to be an ugly city; and so I seemed to me to have the kind of ugliness that could not only be lerated, but often enjoyed' The Worstedopolis of an earlier age is still very much alive, and blessed as ever with its sur-rounds of high, open moorland. No local man, Priestley wrote, could be exiled from the uplands and the blue air, he always had one foot on the heather. And if he had any sense he

would not venture up there without a pair of Baird's selfwarming socks inside his boots.



is taste beyond the table

The French are the undoubted experts when it comes to food, but many English find their hotel décor unpalatable

the clumsy way in which a bathroom has been gouged out of an otherwise well-proportioned room, with the ablutions screened off with a plastic concertina curtain. It is also that most French furniture is an ergonomic disgrace.

Here is an appreciation of a French hotel bedroom received last week from a regular correspondent to The Good Hotel Suide: "The floor slopes, the mattress takes a nightly slide down the bed. As for the furniture! Well, had Manon des Sources flogged off the furniture, this must be it. A wardrobe that the Lion, the Witch, those ghastly children and the family silverware could be stuffed in. The decor is pure 1950s Holiday Irin, but who cares? Pale blue upsets no one. Our balcony has more bric-a-brac per square inch than the flea marker. The sibugons and a Louis semathing

armchair of a discomfort that only the French can create, and someone's cafe throw-out." My correspondent was writ-

ing, incidentally, not about a backstreet fleapit, but a soigné, rosetted Relais et Château hotel in a village perche, overlooking the Riviera.

For most of us. if we don't feel positively affectionate about the idiosyncrasy of French hotel decor, the virtues of the cooking far outweigh the shortcomings of the accommodation. But there is another crucial difference about hotels on the other side of the Channel: their astonishing cheapness. I recently went on a three-day tour in the Haut Languedoc - admittedly, not one of the more expensive regions - and stayed in turn in a well-known inn in walking country which had a red R in Michelin (good food at reason-

ence between matured in cask and Beaujolais Nouveau.

Goodness knows, France is no terra incognita to the British, but there are many potential converts who still prefer to take their holidays at home. The opening of the Channel numel won't be like the pulling down of the Berlin wall. Perhaps the whole event will be a anti-climax once the Queen has cut the tape. broken a bottle over the first train and returned to the palace.

The terminal may be as soulless and frustrating as the ferry ports of Dover and Portsmouth. And yet it is possible that the hyping of the tunnel and the simultaneous promotion of Euro-Disney outside Paris could bring about a mass conversion of British chauvinists who have always affected to rubbish the Gallic pleasures. They may come to scoff. But they may stay to scoff. How will the poor British hotelier survive?

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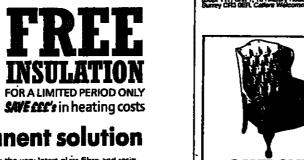
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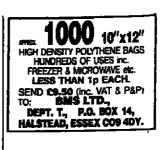
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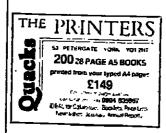
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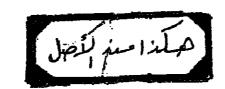
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A dose of ocean goodness

Francesca Greenoak considers the merits of seaweed and other fertilisers — but do we give our plants more than they need?

ardening is full of su-perstitions and odd practices, many of which turn out to be well-founded, vindicated by science as well as by custom and experience. I was prepared to believe, years ago, that a dilute seawed solution sprayed on to foliage helps plant growth, but I was more sceptical about its reputed ability to protect against frost.

However, traditional coastal horticulture and initial scientific investigations convinced me that it was worth a try, and I watered seedlings and peaky plants with seaweed and misted my fruit trees one April when frost was forecast. It worked.

Since then Maxicrop, the largest supplier of seaweed products in Britain, has funded research projects. It was established in the late 1960s that plants absorb nutrients and trace elements through their foliage, and grow more strongly after seaweed applications. Even very dilute doses of seaweed extract promote root and shoot growth, and appear to give extra resilience to drought, frost and disease. Field trials in Sussex showed that bi-weekly applications

of seaweed reduced red spider mite numbers by more than 62 per cent. Despite the intensity of research. the precise effects of seaweed are not fully understood. It is thought that the active compounds are cytokinins and betaines, which help stabilise the chlorophyll in plants, strengthen cell membranes and improve cell response to drought

Agriculturalists use seaweed because it improves harvests and reduces fertiliser requirements. This is important not only for individual finances but as a means of reducing pollution of waterways.

Last month, the consumer magazine Gardening from Which? published a survey on fertilisers which indicated that most of us overfertilise our gardens. It says gardens will give good yields with few or no additional fertilisers. Treat-ing reasonably good soils with standard organic and inorganic fertilisers, it recommends moderate dosages even for hungry crops, such as cabbage (180g growmore/ 250g blood-fish-and-bone).

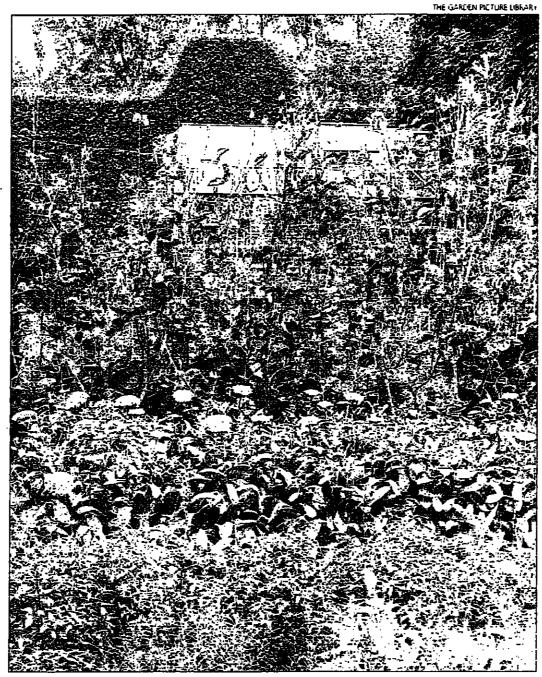
Gardeners have conventionally used agricultural models as the basis for fertiliser application, but commercial calculations assume negligible organic life in the soil, whereas cultivated garden soils are generally rich and fertile. It seems likely that rather than overdosing gardens on standard NPK, we shall in future be looking to the subtler workings of plant growth stimulants as a tonic for plants.

The garden product firm Pan Britannica Industries (PBI) has entered the market with Bio Humigro, claiming that it promotes growth and nutrient uptake, attributing its action to humic and fulvic acids, although without at-

tempting to explain it.
I opt for seaweed because of its positive environmental audit from harvest to manufacture and use. Ascophyllum nodosum is responsibly harvested in a cycle which leaves time for regrowth, and its manufacturing process is relatively harm-less, whereas PBI and the Spanish manufacturers of Humigro are keeping their original "bulky organic" materials and manufacturing processes secret.

However, even with these prod-

ucts, dosages are based on agriculture rather than gardening, which is a secondary market. Yet small. well-cultivated domestic gardens are better models for future land use than agribusiness. Soils enriched for years with garden compost and manure already contain acids, for example. It is likely, therefore, that growth stimulants will prove best used sparingly and in times of stress.



Blooming with good health: seaweed promotes growth and makes plants more resilient to disease

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Musky: Acidanthera muriale

WEEKEND TIPS

- Plant main crop potatoes. Clear overgrown ponds and put back water pumps taken out
- Protect the blossom of cordons and wall fruit by draping with horticultural fleece. Watch for signs of blackfly on broad beans and clear with a
- Take care that greenhouse seedlings do not hum on sunny days; place them in the shade or protect the greenhouse with

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What essential piece of clothing would you take?

A silk suit. Rome is, after all, a city so I would take city clothes. but it's hot and a silk suit would be appropriate. A silk suit makes you feel as though you are on holiday, anywhere. Which restaurant would you

patronise?

The out-of-doors restaurants in the Piazza Navona.

What would you have to eat? Trippa alla Romuna, which is tripe Roman style. I try to have it at least once when I'm there. What would you have to drink? Frascati.

What would you take to read? William James's Varieties of Religious Experience. I've been reading it on and off for years. it's the sort of book that one can always enjoy a chapter of, even though one's read the book through several times.

Which monument or ancient building would you specially like to visit or revisit in Rome?

What music would you listen to? A missa solemnis in St Peter's. What piece of art would you like to look at?

The portrait of Pope Innocent X by Velazquez in the Palazzo Doria, the home of one of Rome's old families. It's a private house with an art gallery.



What would you watch on

Would you play any games?

What luxury would you take? 21b of Fortnum's mixed choc-

Who would be your least welcome guest? All would be welcome. Which newspapers or journals

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book for the next occupant of the flat, and an empty bottle. What three things would you most like to do? Eat, drink and go to mass. Who would you send a postcard to?

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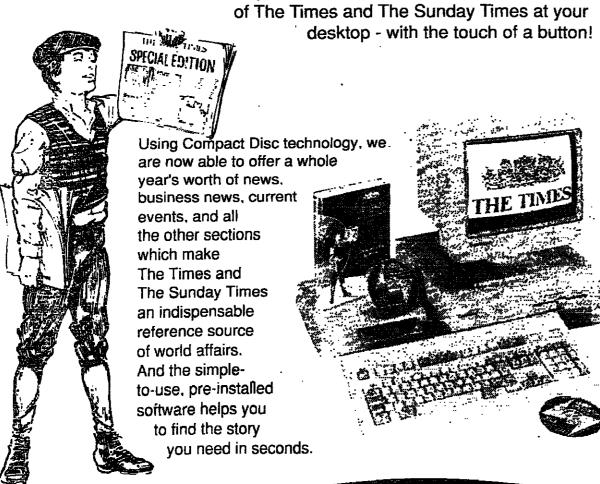
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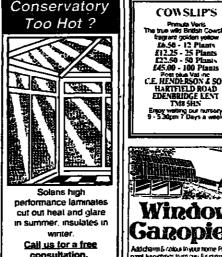


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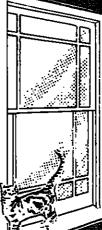
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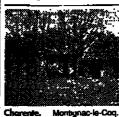
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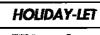
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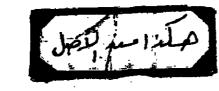
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Carrying on the family tradition: Ian and Susie Pasley-Tyler with daughter Imogen, aged 11, in the grounds of their home. Coton Manor in Northamptonshire

Living up to a legacy

an Pasley-Tyler has a theory about gardens, based on experience. "For three gener-ations, the men in my family have been the horticultural navvies, while the genius has gone through the female line. My grandmother, my mother, my sister and my wife have been the ones who truly understood about plants and their

As the new master of Coton Manor in Northamptonshire, Mr Pasley-Tyler and his wife Susie are settling into the house where he was brought up, anticipating their first season of visitors to the colourful ten-acre oasis that his grandmother began and his mother perfected on a hilly corner a few miles north of Northampton. It is a fitting venue for an open week run by the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, which starts tomorrow as a

part of Garden Heritage Week. Mr Pasley-Tyler spends his weeks in London, where he is finance controller at the Midland Bank. But at the weekends he gets Home from home: Ian and Susie Pasley-Tyler

his orders from Susie, who has taken to running the house and garden like one of their rare breeds of ducks takes to water.

"I don't really enjoy London these days," Susie says. "I just make quick forays, do what I have to do, and then return happily to all

What she embraces with a sweep of an arm is a 12-bedroomed house of mellow, yellow Northamptonshire stone, and below it the garden that her husband's American grandmother initiated and his late mother, Haraldine, made into one of the most interesting and attractive in the region.

The estate stretches down a hill through leafy dells and streams, past ornamental ponds where flamingos stalk on ridiculous legs, to a beautiful beechwood, which in May is carpeted with bluebells. The path winds back uphill through the nurseries to a plant shop and tearooms.

Asked what he would have done if his wife hadn't taken to the role of gardener, Mr Pasley-Tyler says: "It would have been a sacrilege to have taken it over from my parents if that had been the case. My sister, Henrietta Pearson, would have been the logical person otherwise. But, happily for me, Susie loves

Mrs Pasley-Tyler admits that she is not a natural plantswoman like her sister-in-law, but has been "on a very steep learning curve since January I, when we took over".

They have three children, including 18-year-old Guy, who helps ith the gardening at weekends in the season. Mrs Pearson and her husband Nicholas use the upper floor of the house at weekends, and since Haraldine passed on much of her knowledge of the rare plants in the garden to her daughter, Henrietta's presence at weekends is an added resource for Susie.

Described in the Domesday cottage. "So it was simply a matter

of switching beds with my father,"

The garden was first opened in 1968, and attracts about 10,000 visitors a year. It hasn't made anybody a fortune, but the Pasley-Tylers hope to be able to increase plant sales to a point where the operation can be self-sustaining.

The refurbishment of the house has come second to the garden, but the attractive loggia built by the grandparents will be the venue tomorrow of a discussion on conservation, attended by Fenja Gunn. author of The Lost Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll, and members of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens. Meantime, Mrs Pasley-Tyler con-tinues her education: "I've mastered 17 pages of Latin names on our plant list. It's quite a legacy."

JOY BILLINGTON ● Coton, between Rugby and North-ampton, is open Wednesdays, Sat-urdays and bank holidays between 2pm and 6pm to the end of September. £2.50, OAPs £2 and child 50p. Heap of the week: Ruperra, Gwent

A noble survivor

romantic sham castle to be classed with Lulworth in Dorset Like Lulworth, it is a shell, the victim of a fire in 1941 when Dutch troops were billeted there. Yet while Lulworth has been taken over by English Heritage, and bristles with scaffolding, no such action has been forthcoming in Wales for

In 1951 the last of the Morgans, who built Ruperra. moved to Monte Carlo, and in 1962 the castle was sold and now belongs to a farmer.

For a house so close to Cardiff and Newport, it stands in an isolated position. The drive, without a gatehouse, is long and rough. Suddenly, through the saplings, you glimpse a vast expanse of stable roofs, and beyond Ruperra stands with circular corner towers and battlements ringing the parapets.

The stable court is in better condition and could easily be made into cottages. Less happy is the rendered range beside the castle looking too much like a council house

Around the castle at some distance is a castellated garden wall. Although the original arrangement of garden court has disappeared, terraces recorded in pre-war aerial photographs can still be seen. At the top is the skeleton of a splendid conserva-tory, extended into a grand composition by balancing wing. Ruperra was built in 1626 by Thomas Morgan, the younger son of a junior branch of the Morgans of Tredegar House. He had married the heiress of

the estate and became steward

of the Earl of Pembroke and

Sheriff of Glamorgan. The main recent tragedy has been the sudden collapse of one of the corner towers. Otherwise, the shell is surprisingly unaltered. with Renaissance carving on the porch and Tudor windows.

The only visible prospect of restoration at present lies in development. A company which has recently undertaken the restoration of Vann nearby is discussing a scheme for a substantial amount of new housing with the local council.

Ruperra deserves a better fate. Like Lulworth, it should be taken into public ownership. repaired and opened to the public. Wales, of course, has a profusion of medieval castles in the care of CADW (the sister body of English Heritage), but Ruperra belongs to a great age in British architecture, that of Robert Smythson, who had an imagination and originality rivalling Vanbrugh's.

lthough there is no proof that Smythson was the Adesigner of Ruperra, it is close to ground plans drawn by him. Smythson was a key figure in the romanticism of the Elizabethan and Stuart courts. Ruperra is one of the main

surviving witnesses of this style. We hear about the millennium and the heritage, but much of what is proposed is putting a gloss on buildings which cannot be considered seriously in danger. Surely a nobler aim would be to concentrate at least some effort and funds on buildings such as Ruperra which are in danger of collapse.

MARCUS BINNEY

Mrs Blacksell says. Their house is

built of grey brick topped with old slate tiles in a square U-shape set

The Blacksell's site was bought

with planning permission — which is essential today, warns Michael Wilcox, of the Royal Institute of

Chartered Surveyors. "It is extraordinary how many people buy a field with a pleasant view, believing they

Neither is it true that buying a

plot with a barn, or old ruin, will ensure planning permission. You also need to be realistic,

when buying, about the cost of

taking mains services to your

property. "It is one reason why you should appoint your architect first,"

says Leslie Fairweather, of Riba's

"He will probably be able to find

you a good site and advise you on

how difficult it is going to be to build." The level of difficulty will

Appointing the right architect or

surveyor can lift all the headaches

of the development off your shoul-

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relate to cost.

will be allowed to build on it."

into the hillside.



Castle in need of a keeper: Ruperra is in danger of collapse

House of mystery: Mainards Farmhouse in Kent has underground passages and overgrown ivy

Listed labour of love

The gods of estate agency must have been in a generous mood when they intro-duced the Grade II-listed Mainards Farmhouse to the market. This is a house with plenty of "features", from medieval murals to an underground passage.

Until two years ago, Mainards

was occupied by three elderly spinsters. Apart from the installation of a Rayburn oven and the replacement of some plaster panels with plasterboard, the house seems hardly to have been touched for 50 years. It has no heating, apart from from the open fireplaces. Much of the wiring and plasterwork is suspect. But the most extraordinary evidence of the house's decline is the ivy that curls upwards from massive trunks, weaves through the roof tiles and bursts out around the chimney stacks.

The owner bought the house believing it could be fully restored for about £50,000. Now it seems that £150,000-250,000 would be more realistic. So Mainards is once more for sale.

The building is described by the agents as "typical of a Kentish Yeoman's half house or Wealden house". Although it is near Tenterden in the Kentish part of the Weald, Mainards' layout does not conform to the Wealdon shape, which was normally a double height space in the middle of the building, with some accommodation at either end and an open hearth on the floor.

Mainards is L-shaped, with a complex arrangement of interconnected rooms on its two floors. If it was once a hall house, which of the rooms was the hall? The most likely answer seems to be the room that is now the kitchen and the bedroom and bathroom above.

If, as seems probable, the house was built in stages, there must have been relatively short intervals in between, for the style is consistent. The oak timber frame is every-



Mainards Farmhouse Tenterden

where, culminating, in the roof void, in the "crown post" support that is another characteristic of Wealden houses. The decoration is sparse, but includes a carved timber fireplace lintel in the biggest bedroom bearing the date 1590.

In another of the five bedrooms is a mural. From the three small corners that have been revealed, it appears to follow a repetitive pat-

outh of the Dordogne and

the Lot is the hotter and drier Tarn et Garonne, which

has a more rugged landscape and a

number of modest rural dwellings

Situated a few miles north of the

old market town of Montauban in

the Tarn et Garonne is this

66 High Street, Marlborough,

Wiltshire (0672 516266). The nearest airport is Toulouse, an

Although further renovation

work is required, the property is immediately habitable, being in-

stalled with central heating and

telephone. It has a large kitchen

and living room with open stone

fireplaces, three bedrooms, a bath-

room and a covered terrace. The price includes half an acre of land

which has extensive outbuildings.

The area around Montauban.

the ancient capital of the Tarn et

Garonne, with its fine museums

and collection of paintings by

hour's drive away.

priced from about £20.000.

tern and to cover at least two walls. The leafy motif is not unlike a wallpaper design, and by the 19th century, such patterns were being adapted for wallpapers.

The house is full of enigmas and mystery. What lies beneath the rest of the plaster in the mural room? And is the rumour of an underground passage, once said to lead to a nearby priory, just the estate agent's wishful thinking?

Investigating these questions would be part of the pleasure of owning Mainards Farmhouse. But at £250,000, with perhaps as much again for its restoration, the pleasure will not be cheaply bought.

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Dreams made to measure

ost of us live in hand-medown houses, which we have bought fully equipned with someone else's taste, and then spend years trying to turn into something made-to-measure for our own lifestyles.

Book as a manor house, it was

burnt down in the Civil war and after 1662 was used as a farm-

house, until 1925 when Mr Pasley-

Tyler's grandparents bought it.

They introduced American plumb-

ing into five new bathrooms and installed central heating.

"The war almost brought the

garden to its knees," 81-year-old

Henry Pasley-Tyler, Ian's father,

says. "I was in the navy, serving in

Malta and in Egypt. Haraldine

was working in an aircraft factory, while her mother had to adapt the

garden for vegetables. We took over

the house in 1950; now it's lan's

On January 1 this year, Ian Pastey-Tyler and his father ex-changed houses. In the adjacent

village of Coton, where the family

owns two cottages for their two full-

time gardeners and the teashop

manager, Mr Pasley-Tyler and Susie also occupied a weekend

Last year, of 135,000 private homes built in this country, only 8,000 were put up by individuals,

rather than developers.

However, Richard McCormack. the president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba), says that, for the individual, "there has never been a better time to build". Low land prices and an increasing boredom with the standard styles churned out by big developers and builders has created a window of opportunity that, he says, should not be lost.

There are some magnificent sites available. The one that takes the cake is probably the four-acre Villa Shireen plot, skirting the Thames near Windsor, with views across the water to the castle and Eton College chapel. But John Pryor, of Strutt & Parker, the agents for the site, says there has been little interest from English buyers. "It's very un-English to build from scratch," he says. "Most interest in Villa Shireen has been from foreigners and speculators. Individually, the British seem to be bad at visualising a house that isn't there."

The asking price for the Windsor plot is £2 million — and it will cost several million more to build the ten-bedroom house this royal cabbage patch is waiting for.

More modest plots can be found all over Britain. The key to cost is pound for pound related to house Building your own home has advantages but beware of the hidden pitfalls



Perfect plot: Sarah and Mark Blacksell at their Dartmoor home

orices around the country. In Scotland you could pay less than E5,000 for a substantial and attractive site, but in the south prices can rocket. For example, nine prime-position one-fifth-of-an-acre plots in Guildford, Surrey, were recently sold for between £120,000 and £140,000 each. Savills is offering a 146-acre farm in the Bride Valley near Dorchester, with planning permission for a six-bedroom farmhouse, for £305,000, and Knight, Frank & Rutley is selling a 3.5-acre site adjoining Wentworth golf course, with planning consent for a 10,450 sq ft mansion, for £1.35

A lot of sites are advertised and sold at auction, which is how Mark

Blacksell, a geography lecturer, and his wife, Sarah, found their perfect plot four years ago. It is a corner site bordered by four great trees at the edge of the village of Bellstone, set in the heart of their much-loved Dartmoor but within easy commuting distance of Exeter university,

They have never regretted the decision. They found their architect. Anthony Harrison of the Harrison Sutton Partnership in Tomes, through a friend.

"The villagers were worried about an intrusive modern box being built on the plot - we've all seen that happen — but we wanted to build something that wouldn't conflict with the houses around it,"

Montauban, a small, run-down

fermette (farm-cottage), with an old

baker's oven and a large barn, can still be found for about £15,000.

But you will need to spend at least

£30.000 to buy a home with mains

water and electricity that is in-

It is possible to pick up a sizable

property and good acreage for your

money. Large stone farmhouses for conversion, with outbuildings

and enough land to keep a few

horses, start at about £30,000.

Converted and restored, these

A substantial stone farmhouse

close to the pretty riverside town of

Antonin Noble Val, set in 60 acres

of land but in need of renovation,

is currently for sale at £44,000. The

agent is Barbers, 427 North End

Road, Fulham, SW6 (071-381

Local agent Madeleine Vallet,

based in Najac in the Tarn et Garonne (010 33 65 29 74 74) also

handles a good selection of proper-

fetch from £50,000 to £100.000.

stantly habitable.

ders. "But it is amazing how many people try to cut costs by sketching out their own ideas and bringing in a builder." Mr Fairweather says. where they both work. s well as helping you find the plot, design your home

and steer the plans through the local council, an architect will help you find reliable local builders and contractors and will usually oversee the entire building process. For this service a chartered surveyor or architect will cost you up to 10 per cent of total building costs. The traditional fees are 7.5 per cent for a surveyor and 8 per cent for an architect.

The difference between an architect and a surveyor is in the design. If you want an uncomplicated house and have a clear idea of what you want, a surveyor will probably be able to fulfil your needs. But if you want an inspiring design then you must employ an architect. Another alternative is to ap-

oroach a company such as Package Build Management, which has a file of between 600 and 700 building plots in the South East with outline planning permission. It charges a set fee per project, depending on the size and complexity of the job, and suggests an estimate of £50 a square foot on a house of 1,800sq ft upwards 1,800sq ft being the size of a good four-bedroom house).

ANNE MORRIS

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Des res if a little derelict



TARN ET GARONNE

locally born artist Ingres, is dotted with attractive medieval hill towns and some extremely pretty Romanesque churches.

A prolific fruit-growing area. crisscrossed by rivers and full of lakes, it is famous for its preserves and sweet dishes based on the produce of the area, including succelent peaches, plums, grapes

and apricots. Easily accessible by the A62 motorway to Montauban (about nine hours' drive from Calais), or by plane to Toulouse, it is worth considering for those who find



No crowds here: this farmhouse in Tarn et Garonne is £58,000

areas such as the Dordogne too crowded with the British for comfort. Prices are reasonably low, and there is a good range of property. from cottages and farm buildings to large country houses and old, converted water-mills.

In the north of the region the houses are white, built of traditional querey blanc stone, with shallow

roofs of rounded tiles. Further south the colour of the stone changes to pale pink or even red, according to the shade of the local sand. The most sought-after dwellings feature distinctive square en balconies adorned in climbing

In the countryside north of

pigeon towers and porticoed wood-

ty for sale in the region. CHERYL TAYLOR | 865084). Joanna Gibbon

visits the college where adults and children learn

together

very Thursday morning during term time, an excited group of underfives and their parents, namines or minders troop off to school to learn art, dance and acting — together.

Before the class arrives, Amanda Hayes, head of the art, craft and design faculty, and Karen Elliott, a tutor in dance who organised the innovative Arts Family Worshop course, snip and stick together sheets of white paper. Pots of glue are on stand-by. Suddenly, 18 toddlers arrive, smiling and shouting hello, wriggling out of their coats and running to the tables. with nine adults in tow.

Today's theme at London's Wornington Centre, part of the Kensington and Chelsea College for Adult Education, is the Magic Toy Shop. The toddlers stick small pieces of coloured paper on to the outline of a child drawn on large sheets of paper: the idea is to make either a Raggedy Ann doll with wild yellow paper hair, or a robot with white squares of paper.

Described as giving adults and children a chance to enjoy learning together, with activities such as dance, art and music, the workshop is unusual in that the adults are expected to participate fully. There is no sitting on the sidelines: everyone cuts paper, paints, sings, skips, hops and rolls on the floor.

The organisers say that this is not a children's playgroup. "It is parent education, where the adults find out about themselves and their children and their relationships," explains Ms Hayes, who is worried that adult education, which is under threat of government cuts, is too often trivialised.

As a result of attending the workshop, she says, some parents have taken Pre-School Playgroup and Childcare courses at the

Anna Byers, who, as head of performing arts and physical education, helped to create the class four years ago, says: "With children, thinking of the next thing to do can be exhausting. The group organises this and disciplines the child so that the parents can enjoy

WINNING MOVE



Getting down to learning if the dance lesson calls for rolling about on the floor, then down go the grown-ups alongside the children

being with their children. It is fun and the pressure is off."

Ms Byers says that many parents. who do not allow their children to use glue or paint at home, appreciate the chance to do this in the group: "Sometimes it is a lack of space at home, but children do need to let rip and make a mess." Joining in the dance and music,

the second half of the workshop. can prove more difficult. While rolling about pretending to be a stick man is fine in your own sitting room, it is quite different doing it in front of others. "Some adults feel vulnerable when asked to take their shoes off, and some - not many have left because they felt they could not cope," Ms Byers says.

Adults in their early twenties are most likely to be embarrassed. "They see it as making fools of themselves, whereas older people

are more secure." Ms Hayes says. All three tutors recognise they cannot bully anyone, but they have ways of persuading the recalcitrant.
"If it is a small group at the beginning of term and everyone is feeling shy, then by quietly suggesting shoes are dangerous - fingers

can be trodden upon, which is why we remove them — it can be OK." Ms Byers says. The children are too young to be concerned: released into the large hall, they run around, oblivious to everything. At Ms Elliott's suggestion, soon everyone joins hands or stretches their arms and legs as the

music changes.

Ian MacNeil, the only adult male in the room and child-minder to Luke, aged two, and Katie, four, is here for the first time. Mr MacNeil, a theatre designer, says: "It is good for Luke and Katie to be with other

kids; me joining in is a sensible idea because I am like a bridge — they know me but they don't know the other adults here." Moira Swayne, who has been

dancing while carrying her daugh-ter Judith, is now sitting out because her son Albert, aged two-and-a-half, accidently collided with another tot and bashed his cheek. All three have been attending the workshop since last September. She feels that the children benefit from the parents' involvement. "It builds the child's confidence and I have learnt more about Bertie, how he reacts to things and what he is capable of."

Mrs Swayne says that the parents are also a teaching tool. "A lot of the children are too young to under-stand about following Karen so they look at their parents: you can take the lead and they feel confident to follow." A Lloyds broker for 12 years before having children. Mrs Swayne does not feel embarrassed about joining in. "I don't mind making a fool of myself, but some other mothers do," she says.

Kiki Aryeetey and Natalie, aged two-and-a-half, joined last term. Mrs Aryeetey does not mind the dancing and says she would feel more embarrassed if she sat at the side doing nothing.

It is open to conjecture whether everyone who attends the one-anda-half-hour group shares the same aims as its creators, but judging by the delighted squeals, the enthusi astic clapping and the smiles, all leave well contented.

● For further information, contact the Wornington Centre, Kensington and Chelsea College, Wornington Road, London W10 (071-351 7127). The new

Holiday events

LONDON ☐ Meccano magic Modellers from all over the country show working models of trains, planes, steam en gines and fairground organs, plus the

museum's own steam engines. Kew Bridge Steam Museum. Green Dragon Lane, Brentford. Today, 10morrow 11am-5pm. £2.50, child £1.40, family £7.25.

□ Piazza Jugglethon: Learn to juggle, with lessons throughout the day in return for donations to the St Peter's Research Trust. Celebrities try their hands from 10.30am to noon-Covent Garden Piazza, WC2. Today 10am-late afternoon. Free.

☐ Blackholes and Unde Albert Russell Stannard, physics professor at the Open University, introduces children to Einstein's theory of relativity in the lively, comprehensible Easter lecture. Suitable for children aged 11 and over. Lecture Theatre, Science

Museum, Exhibition Road. SW7. Today 2pm. Tickets from the information desk (check availability on 071-938 8080). Museum admission 53.75, child E1.90. ☐ Meet the dinosaurs: A new, per-manent exhibition introduces pre-

bistoric beasts and data, dispels old myths and provides an exciting, hands-on discovery outing for childnands on dayes.
Ronson Gallery. Natural History
Museum, Cromwell Road, NW7.
Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. Sun.
11am-6pm. E4, Child five-15 E2,
under-fives free. family £10.50.

□ Spitaifields sport: The creators of Camden Lock bring new life to the old fruit and vegetable market. At tomorrow's opening, visitors can try roller-blading (free skate hire), golf, laser clay pigeon shooting and other sporting activities.

Spitalfields, opposite Bishonseate and Livernool Street

Bishopsgate and Liverpool Street Station tomorrow.

☐ Angelic mariouettes: Afternoons. the Little Angel Company's Noah, a medieval comedy about the deluge. for six-year-olds and over. Mornings, the Jacolly Purpet Theatre present Dogworthy's Magic Showtime for three to seven-year-olds.

Little Angel Marionette Theatre,
Dagmar Passage, Cross Street, N1
(071-226 1787). Noah, today,
tomorrow 3 pm. E5, child £4.
Dogworthy, today, tomorrow,
11 am. £4, child £3.50.

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NATIONWIDE

☐ Brighton basketball: The Harlem Globetrotters versus American champions The Boston Shamrocks Brighton Centre, Kings Road, Brighton, East Sussex (0273 202

881). Today, 7.30pm. £8.50-£10.50. Under-12s £7.50-£9.50. ☐ Beltring high-jinks: Punch and Judy, clowns, bouncy castle and buggies for children, plus the permanent animal village with birds of prey Whitbread Hop Farm. Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent (0622

872068). Tomorrow 10am-bpm last admission 5pm. E4.25, child £3. ☐ Durham discoveries: "Geology for Beginners" — a walk along Seaham Beach with geologist Maurice Holliday. Suitable for older children. Meet at the car park. opposite Seaham Hall Igrid reference 422508), Seaham, near Durham. Tomorrow by 2_30pm. E1. child 50p.



Spring fever: bouncy castles are fun for young tumblers

□ Taplow horses: Qualifying classes for the International Horse Show. plus jumping classes, a dog agility display and shire horses drawing harrows. Miniature bikes and bouncy castles for the young. Barge Farm, Taplow, Bucks. Tomorrow from Sam. £4, child £2. ☐ Bard's birthday: Shakespeare's 428th birthday celebrations begin with a procession around the town. Entertainment throughout the day includes costumed characters, musi-

cians, dancers and displays.
Stratford-on-Avon. Today. from
11am. Details from the Shakespeare
Trust (0789 204016).

Liverpool: To coincide with the exhibition "Rhinoceros: the Horn of a Dilemma", which focuses on the plight of this endangered species, there is a talk (today noon-1.30pm) about rhino conservation by a keeper from Chester Zoo. Also today, and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, children can visit the Rhino Activity Area, where the artist Danny Calla ghan will give out printed postcards and art materials for children to create messages of support. Liverpool Museum, Merseyside

JUDY FROSHAUG

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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent designated Year", in celebration of the great world champion who was born 100 years ago. This week we shall continue to feature positions from his games. Today's position is from the game Alekhini Bogolyubov, Wiesbaden

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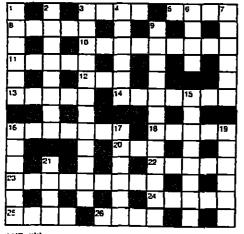
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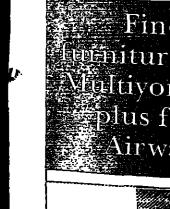
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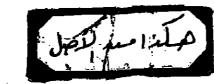
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7.10 Open University (53430317) 8.50 Playdays (r) (1882862) 9.10 News and weather (3096442) 9.15 Telling Tales. The Donkey and the Tiger Skin (r) (s) (1352242)

9.30 This is the Day. Linda Mary Evans joins actress Christina Barry and airman James Walker who started corresponding during the Gulf war and are now married (33607)

10.00 See Heart Magazine programme for the hearing impaired (59220)
10.30 Hindi Urdu Boi Chaal. The first in a ten-part course for beginners in Hindu and Urdu (r) (7242572) 10.55 Fast Feasts (8275626)
11.00 Business Matters. A look at today's business revolution (r) (6930)
11.30 Work is a Four Letter Word. How to keep your temper at work (s) (1050) 17 On Bayant Most lively some arbitra on leans and some (4959) 12.00 Bazzar. Nerys Hughes gives advice on loans and some fashion tips (r) (1239336) 12.25 Experiment! Exploring static

electricity (5135171)

12.30 Country File. Has public access to the countryside changed over the years? (8060997) 12.55 Weather (13972881)

1.00 News (24090336) 1.05 Daffy Duck Double Bill (r) (83386539)

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 Eurovision Song Contest. Gloria Hunniford introduces the first of two programmes previewing the entrants in this year's contest (s) (7339862) 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) (s) (67249)
 OF Film: The Big Bus (1976). Lynn Redgrave, Larry Hagman and José Ferrer star in this spoof disaster movie about the maiden trip of the world's first nuclear bus. Directed by James Frawley (5361794)
 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: Ghost Train. An elderly man believes he must take his rightful place with the passengers on a train he caused to crash 75 years earlier. Written and directed by Steven Spielberg. (Ceefax) (s) (2279336)
 Masterchef. Julia McKenzie and Michel Roux join Loyd Grossman as he begins his search to find the cream of the country's amateur chefs. (Ceefax) (9918220)
 Songs of Praise from St Mark's Church in Aberdeen. (Ceefax) (s) (1534317) 6.00 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (575046)

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6.15 The Health Show. Terry Wogan, Jakki Brambles and Dr Hilary Jones present a new series which aims to improve people's attitudes towards a healthier life-style (s) (411775)



Parental despair: Tony Britton and Susan Hampshire (7.45pm)

5 Don't Tell Father.
● CHOICE: This already tired new comedy series written by Roy Clarke has none of the slow, easy affability of his Last Of The Summer Wine. As the vaguely familiar title suggests, we're back in ancient, stagey sitcom territory, with reasonable acting from Tony Britton and Susan Hampshire failing to salvage any real humour or fun from the plodding script. The theme has mild promise, a pompous actor, Vivian Bancroft (Britton), trying to live down the artics of his children, but the conceited thesplan bit has been done before — and better — by the likes of Harry Enfield and Nigel Planer. Only the character of driving instructor Marvin Whipple (Philip Fox), the unsuitable love of Vivian's lumpy daughter, has any freshness, plumbing new depths of gormlessness. (Ceefax) (s) (203620)

8.15 One Foot in the Christmas Grave starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie. Victor ponders the meaning of Christmas in his inimitable way (r). (Ceefax) (101591)

9.15 Screaming. The penultimate episode of Carla Lane's dire cornedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (323591)

9.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (190978) 10.00 Mastermind presented by Magnus Magnusson from the Dockyard Church in Chatham, Kent. The specialist subjects are Erik Satie, Lord

Dowding, Richmal Crompton and Genghis Khan (s) (86201)

10.30 Everyman: Remaking the World. In the first of three programmes examining religious fundamentalism around the world, Israel's controversial West Bank settlers, the Jewish Gush Emunim, claim

controversial West Bank settlers, the Jewish Gush Emunim, Claim that the world's salvation depends on them. (Ceefax) (587133)

11.20 How Do You Manage? Presented by Carolyn Marshall (409591)

11.50 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore presents a special 35th anniversary edition of the programme (705997)

12.35am Dear John USA starring Judd Hirsch. Kirk believes he has met the woman of his dreams (6261462)

1.00 Mahabharat (r) (4832553) 1.50 Weather (5047718)

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— Reaction Mechanisms 8.40 Materials in Action 9.05 Biology —
Nerves 9.30 Arts — Cragside 9.55 Steels, Stars and Spectra 10.20 Electronic Materials 10.45 Samples of Analysis 11.10 IT for You 11.35 Poland — Democracy and Change (30501510)



Smugglers' cove: Granger, Greenwood and Sanders (midday)

12.00 Film: Moonfleet (1955) starring Stewart Granger, George Sanders and Joan Greenwood. A swashbuckling tale of intrigue and smuggling surrounding an 18th-century Dorset village. Based on the novel by J. Meade Faulkner and directed by Fritz Lang (2003355) 1.25 The Fifth Paralympic Winter Games: Helen Rollason introduces the second programme of highlights from Tignes in the French Alps (4178572)

2.00 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 2.05, 3.00 and 3.55 lce Hockey: live coverage of the Heineken championship final from Wembley Arena; 3.40 and 4.35 Snooker: coverage of second round matches of the Embassy world professional championship from Sheffield (18876323)

5.35 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces the climax to the Courage Leagues. Plus a look back at some of the season's most memorable moments (s) (949201). Northern Ireland: highlights of the AIB senior cup at Ravenhill; Wales: Newport v Swansea and Aberavon v South

6.35 The Money Programme. Tom Maddocks finds out that not only homebuyers are suffering from the housing slump: building societies are now feeling the pinch (214256)

7.15 World Snooker. David Vine introduces further coverage of the

second round action (582510)

8.05 The Laurence Otivier Awards 1992. Diana Rigg hosts this prestigious theatre awards ceremony from London's Dominion

Theatre (s) (4533084)

9.30 Assignment: Unfortunate Incidents.

CHOICE: Scheduled later than usual because of the strong nature of its material, this masterly Assignment, the first in a new series, probes the actions of Japan's Imperial Army during the second world war. Unlike the Germans who are still coming to terms with the later than the property of t the Holocaust, the Japanese have never really faced up to the atrocities they committed against the people of Asia. Now however, their neighbouring countries are insisting that the facts be known. The award-winning documentary maker Jonathan Lewis has done a thorough job talking to all the right people — former "comfort women" (girls forced into prostitution), incredibly candid army women" (girls forced into prostrution), increating candid army veterans, an excruciatingly evasive Japanese government spokesman, and many others—to build up a truly horriving picture of civilian murder and rape (28881)

10.30 Benny Hill — Clown Imperial. A repeat of the Omnibus special in tribute to the late connectian (11355)

11.30 World Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights from tonight's second round matches (81539). Ends at 12.35am

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6.00 TV-am (8514336) 9.25 Disney's Ferdinand the Bull and Mickey. Classic cartoons (4480930)

10.10 Metro, Ian Dury presents a special report on Steven Spielberg's Hook. Including interviews with Dustin Hoffman, Bob Hoskins, Robin Williams and Julia Roberts (r) (7441084) 10.45 Link. Gay disabled writer Firdaus Kanga describes his childhood in

India. (Orade) (3260133) 11.00 Morning Worship from St.Luke's Church in Peterborough (71930)
12.00 Visions. Should prostitution be legalised? (10268)
12.30 LWT News Weekend (8055065) 12.55 LWT Weather

(13974249)
1.00 News and weather (83381084) 1.10 Walden. Brian Walden talks to Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary and contender for the leadership and deputy leadership of the Labour party (s) (5723794) 1.55 The Day (58453713)
2.00 The Match: Title Countdown. Eton Welsby introduces live coverage of the game between Liverpool and Manchester United at Anfield. With commentary by Brian Moore and Ian St John. Preceded by extended highlights of the match between Sheffield United and Leeds United (s) (912572)
5.30 The American Match. Includes American football action from Germany as Frankfurt Galaxy take on Orlando Thunder (88688)
6.30 News with Edward Stourton. Weather (173997) 6.35 LWT News

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 6.40 Cathedral. Worcester Cathedral as seen through the eyes of the men and women who work there. (Oracle) (320607)
 7.15 The Piglet Files. Spy comedy starting Nicholas Lyndhurst. (Oracle) 7.45 Forever Green. Gentle environmental drama series about a couple

who turn their backs on the city and start afresh in the countryside, starring John Alderton and Pauline Collins. (Oracle) (839862) 8.45 News with Edward Stourton. Weather (778046) 9.00 LWT News 9.05 Jeeves and Wooster. The penultimate episode in the comedy-drama series starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. Bertie is in a quandary about the forthcoming publication of Sir Watkyn Bass's

memoirs. (Oracle) (343065)

10.05 Spitting Image. The topical puppet show that makes most people grateful they are not famous (369171)



Sculptor in stone: a member of the Shona tribe (10.35pm)

10.35 Celebration: Talking Stones. CHOICE: A new series of Granada's stimulating arts show kicks off enjoyably start with this exploration of the contemporary sculpture of Zimbabwe. It's a curious fact that in the townships of Chitingweza and Seke near Harare, you can find an internationally acdained stone sculptor on almost every street. Taking Stones that the test to exploit this pharameters. does its best to explain this phenomenon — and a convoluted story it is too — but what's most interesting is simply seeing these Shona tribesmen at work, their mystical beliefs finding exciting expression in their art. The name Zimbabwe is taken from a set of stone ruins and the sculptors find shapes in the stones as easily as we might find faces in douds. At times the material is almost too communicative.

As one artist, Bernard Takawira, explains: "I have to gather enough strength to attack it... to say 'I am greater than you, rock." (213046) 11.35 Cue The Music. INXS in concert at Wernbley Stadium (s) (877539) 1.35am Derrick. Police drama from Germany (5044621)

1.45 The ITV Chart Show (s) (r) (4794114)
2.40 Film: Scandal-Sheet (1985) starring Burt Lancaster as a magazine publisher who will stop at nothing to increase his scandal sheet's circulation. Directed by David Lowell Rich (201466)
4.25 Pick of the Week. Carol Vorderman introduces regional television highlights (95747331) 4.50 Out of Limits. Sporting feats (29062534)

5.05 Soap. More mayhem with the Tates and the Campbells (r)

5.30 ITM Morning News (58379). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news (r) (39012) 7.00 The Clangers (2550423) 7.10 The Wombles. Animated adventures on Wimbledon Common (r) (6062751) 7.15 Noggin the Nog (2539930) 7.30 The Bluffers (r) (8152713) 7.55 Chicken Minute (s) (4173862) 8.30 Pugwali (19274) 9.00 Little Shop. Animated

comedy musical series (4142317)
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian drama in Hindustani with English subtitles (2099084)

10.00 Dispatches. Current affairs (r) (2233591)
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (r) (3268775) 11.00 Beat That. Mik Scarlet sets another task for young people to complete within a certain time (r) (9268)

11.30 Flipper. Classic adventures of a dolphin (3387)

12.00 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a 19th-

century Kansas plains family starring Michael Landon (49268) 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Adventures of an extraordinary

submarine and her crew (25688) 2.00 Women's Football. Anna Walker introduces highlights of the 22nd Women's FA Cup final from Prenton Park, Tranmere (50959) 3.00 Film: Calamity Jane (1953) staming Dons Day and Howard Keel.

Musical Western about a feisty woman who curbs her wild antics when she falls for Wild Bill Hickok. Directed by David Butler (57264775) 4.55 News and weather (8714510) 5.00 Arlott in Conversation with Mike Brearley. The first of three programmes recorded just after the late John Arlott's 70th birthday

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6.00 Press Gang. Children's drama serial (r) (Teletext) (959)

6.30 The Wonder Years. Nostalgic comedy-drama that looks at American life in the 1960s through the eyes of a teenager (s) (539)

7.00 Fragile Earth: Game Wars. Poaching in the Scottish Highlands is rife and the estate owners have now decided to act by hiring a security company with ex-SAS members to patrol their land (r). (Teletext) (9751)

8.00 Hard News. David Jessel returns with a new series of the programme which takes a sharp look at journalism. Roy Hattersley, MP, visits a key marginal seat to see if people were swayed by the tabloid newspapers and Roy Greenslade talks about his time as editor of the Daily Mirror under Robert Maxwell (5125)

8.30 Childhood. The programme concludes with a look at the emotional and physical transformations that characterise puberty and



A fictional aristocratic landowner: Jim Broadbent (9.30pm)

9.30 A Sense of History.

• CHOICE: Jim Broadbent is a joy to watch as the 23rd Earl of Leete In this one-man show and spoof documentary about a ruthless landowner. It's slowish and there are one too many murders towards the end, but the script is to be relished. Broadbent has wonderful comic timing when it comes to uttering lines such as "In all conscience I didn't feel I could take up arms against Hitler... he had brought his country to prosperity in a very short number of years and as a farmer I had to respect that." Directed by Mike Leigh, the shocking tale unfurls with perfect logic as the Earl recalls his bleak childhood with his mother, "an astonishingly beautiful woman with whom one sometimes had tay", his obsession with inheriting the estate and the discreet bloodshed which made sure of it (40097) it (40997)

10.00 Film: A Month in the Country (1987) staring Kenneth Branagh and Colin Firth as survivors of the first world war who gradually come to terms with the experiences that have scarred them. Directed by Pat O'Connor. (Teletext) (196881)

11.45 After the Rains. Animated film marking the sixth anniversary of the Chamabel diseases (236336)

Chemobyl disaster (335336)

12.15am Film: Crossfire (1988). Based on the true story of a love affair

between a young Arab and a Jewish girl set against the background of the formation of the state of Israel and the withdrawal of the British troops in 1948. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Directed by Gideon Canani (444737). Ends at 1.55

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intergalactic adventure starring Mark Har Carrie Pisher and Harrison Ford (14510)

Some roser and Harrison Ford (14510) Repossessed (1990); Parody of The Exorcist starring Linda Blait and Lesle Nielsen (87420423) 9.40 Projector (270713) 10.00 Kid (1990); C. Thomas Howell avenges the death of his parents (908713) 11.35 The Face of Fear (1990); A psychic helps the police to track down a serial killer (197959)

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1.05ars Where the Heart Is (1990): Dabney Colemen is forced to live with his children in a Brooklyn tenement (241263)
2.50 The Shout (1979): A man claims to be able to lid! with a shout (7026718)
4.15 Neut of Kin (1989): County policeman Patrick Swayze tracks his brother's killers in Chicago (507973). Ends at 6.00 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

O Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Gallavarris (1988): Musical cartoon about a race of ants (592249)
8.15 April Morning (1988): Coming-of-age drama (683065)
10.15 The Proud Rebel (1958): Alan Laddeess medical help for his mute son (663201)
12.15pm Shadowmakers (1989): Drama about the development of the atomic bomb. Starring Paul Newman (29207794)
2.25 Return to Green Acres (1990): A New York come mouse to the backwater town of

York couple moves to the backwater town of Hooterville (652292) if mmediate Family (1990): Glenn e and James Woods decide to adopt a

Close and James Woods decide to adopt a baby (857713)

8.15 B.L. Stryker: Winner Takes All (1990): Another case for Matibu detective Burr Reynolds (844249)

8.15 Buried Alive (1990): Tim Matheson escapes from an early grave and pursues his wife and her lover (49832713)

10.05 Daricman (1990): Comis book adventure starring Lam Neeson as a hideously scarred scientist (614862)

11.45 She (1965): Ursula Andress stars as an immortal queen (939978)

1.25am Not for Publication (1984): A reporter uncovers a story about the mayor of New York (415911)

3.00 Lord of the Ries (1990): Marooned schoolboys descend into barbarism (26094). Ends at 4.30

THE COMMEDIA CLARABLE!

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

(27253) 10.30 Those Were The Days (56084)
11.00 Dayline (78220) 11.30 Holiday Destinations (58046) 12.30 pm: Financial Times Nucley (92526) 1.30 Target Nucley (92355) 2.30 Roving Report (16997) 3.30
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(10881) 30.00 Supercross (79510) 11.00
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Footbal (92046) 9.30 Sortish League
Footbal (91775) 10.30 Worts Carlo Open
Tennis (76171) 12.00 Surrday League Cricket.
(72060) 1.00am Italian League Footbal
(62804)

EUROSPORT

Wis the Astra satellite.
 8.00am Trans World Sport (89133) 9.00 Ternis ATP Tour (41249) 11.00 International Bosting (84442) 12.00 Sunday Afric. Motocross World Championship (2324075) 12.45pec Car Racing Formula One Profile (948084) 1.45 Motocross World Championship (6466688) 2.30 Weightfitting: European Senior Championship (50355) 3.30 Motocross World Championship (58755) 3.30 Motocross World Championship (58755) 5.00 Ternis ATP Tour (614688) 8.00 Motocross World Championship (55881) 9.00 Ternis ATP Tour (65263) 11.00 International Boxing (72607)

SCREENSPORT

 Via the Astra satellite.
 6.00am Tenns: Philips Open, Nice (15794)
 8.00 World League of US Football (25510)
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● Vis the Astra strailite.
12.00 Rambo (95084) 12.30pm Spiral Zone (14607) 1.00 Three for the Road (3775930) 1.55 Power Hits USA (6728626) 2.25 Spain Spain International Culsine (7316862) 3.05 He Shoots, He Scores (4135442) 4.00 The Great American Garmeshows (89572) 5.30 Fashion File (1930) 6.00 The Sels-Vison Shopping Programme (2449300) 10.00 tukebox Music Videos (4304510) 2.00em Last Jukebox Dance (13114)

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 Gary Davies with The Weekend Breaktast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 charts of 1966, 1975 and 1988 2.30 Chris Ivans 4.00 Farm, Catherine Wheel and Stare 10.00 Gary Davies (FM only after 12.00) 1.00-4.00am Lynn Research (FM only after 12.00) 1.00am Lynn Research (FM only after 12.00am Lynn Lynn Lynn Research (FM only af

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Barbara Sturgeon: The Sunday Show 7.00 Don Madean says Good Much More Music 12.00-7.00pm The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats; 2.00pm Benny Green; 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy; 4.00 Dues for Four; 4.30 Sing Something Simple; S.00 Made in Hong Kong. Charle Chester marks the fifteth anniversary of the colomy's fall in the second world war 7.00 Richard Baker. Melodies for You 8.30 Sunday Half Hour Favourite hymris form United Churches of Etibur Vale in Gwern 9.00 Alan Earth with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme. The Singer Not the Song, John Amis presents a safection of cantable 12.05am Gyles Brandreth (r) 1.00 Fran Godfrey with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.
6.00pm World Service. Newshour; 7.00 Mendian 7.30 Sunday Edition 9.00 Johnnie Walker
with The AM Alternative 10.30 Education Matters (it 11.00 Kinchen Cabinet 11.30 Ring A
Wirnner, 0.345 905693 12.40pm Open Forum 1.00 Sunday Sport, with Jonathan Legard.
Footbalk Bardays League — Sheffeld Urd v Leeds Urd, Liverpool v Manchester Urd 6.15 Bob
Hatton Rattle 7.10 Open University: Remaking of Europe; 7.30 Maths Miscellany, 7.50 Litther
and Misse; 8.10 Social Science Foundation Course, 8.50 Democracy, 9.30 Formula Iteration
10.10 Across the Line, ind 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

All times in BST. 4.30am World Business.

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WORLD SERVICE

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: 12.25pm Goals Galore (12.43539) 12.50-1.00 Anglia News (43254794) 2.00 Cartoon Time (23141171) 2.10-3.00 Jungle Cat (4845997) 5.30 The World Skill Olympics (404) 6.00-6.30 A Village in... (317) BORDER

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As London except: 10.10am-10.45 The Making of Hook (7441084) 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time (8055065) 2.00-3.00 Highway to Heaven (52317) 5.30-6.30 Scotsport (88688) 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H (523220) 12.30am Quiz Night (11350) 1.00 The American Match (82060) 2.00 Film: Storm Over The Nile (438398) 3.55 Pick of the Week (47009176) 4.25 The ITV Chart Show (7041553) 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder (5027621) CENTRAL

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Junction (3004089) 4.00 The ITV Chart Show
(5608756) 4.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '92
(3410737)

GRANADA

As London except: 10.15am-10.45 The Littlest Hobo (817355) 12.25pm-1.00 Granda This Week (12:7591) 2.00-3.00 The A-Team (52:317) 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street (88688) 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H (52:32:20) 12.30 Ouz Night (113:50) 1.00 The Amencan Match (82:060) 2.00 Film: Storm Over The Nile (43:83:98) 3.55 Fick of the Week (47:009176) 4.25 The ITV Chart Show (70:41553) 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder (50:27621)

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 2.00pm-2.30 Nature and Wildfile

As London except: 10.15-10.45 The Littlest Hobo (317355) 12.30-1.00 TSW Farming Week (8055065) 2.00 Fisheries News (32957423) 2.15 Gis Honeybury's Magic Britidays (23137978) 2.30-3.00 Gold Is Where You Find It (688) 5.30 Village Green (404) 6.00-6.30 House Style (317) 11.35 The Sik Road (523220) 12.30am Quiz Night (11350) 1.00 The American March (82060) 12.00 Film: Storm Over the Nile (438396) 3.55 Pict of the Week (47009) 76 4.25 The ITV Chart Show (7041553) 5.15-5.30 Jobs

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YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25am-10.45 Film: The Man From Button Willow (3700171) 12.25pm Goals on Sunday (1243539) 12.50-1.00 Calendar News (432354794) 2.00-3.00 The Magical World of Disney (52317) 5.30-6.30 Robinson Crusoe (88688) 12.25am American Maich (5328718) 1.35 Pict of the Week (3234008) 2.05 The ITV Chart Show (8712805) 3.05 Film. Murder at the World Senes (617263) 4.50-5.30 Jobs

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport (39012)
7.17 Noggan the Rog (2539930) 7.30 The Buffers (8152713) 7.55 Chicken Minute (8137404) 8.25 Pugwal (7137355 8.55 Little Shop (9265423) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (3084607) 9.30 % 3 Dogs Lite (26317) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (99336) 11.00 Voyage to the Bostom of the Seal (79572) 12.00gm Little House on the Praine (1516084) 12.55 Him: Tom Thumb (46328084) 2.40 Him: The Grapes of Wrath (45947152) 5.00 Short Stories (4591) 5.30 Pobol Y Cwm (19447775) 7.05 Newyddion (156355) 7.10 Sarth Ar Y Sul (780336) 7.25 Tyd Blywyd Yn Boen (426591) 7.55 Hel Straeon (123152) 8.25 Dechrar Caru, Dechrau Canmol (732084) 8.55 Y Lleeb Drawed (733978) 9.40 Finia (824423) 10.00 Smycer (19539) 10.30 Film: Rna. Sue and Bob Too (10391607) 12.10am True Stories (6217911) 1.25 Dwedd

Patrick Hannan tres to bridge
the gap between what people
say and what they mean (4 of
6) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village (r)
6.40 Europhile, with Gordon
Clough (s) (r)
7.00 In Business: Grantrepreneurs?
The strengths and weaknesses
of the Northern Ireland
economy (r)

discusses The Gonne/Yeats

Smut-Hound

CHOKE: Always being quoted from, but rarely heard in toto, Kenneth Tynan's essay excitating the play-censoring activities of the Lord Chamberlam's office is read in full termines by Stephen En.

full tonight, by Stephen Fry.

This gives us a glorious chance to hear some of the less well

to hear some of the less well known of the censor's prohibitions, in a play about a wind-breaking Edwardian beauty, for instance, a single blast from the trombonist in

the wings was not allowed. Instead, he had to play the "destiny" theme from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony

10.15 Canterbury Tales: The Pardoner's Tale The first of Colin Haydn Evans's four-part

9.00 The Natural Histo Programme, presented by Jessica Holm (i) 9.30 Special Assignment 9.59

Letters (r)

8.00 Pumters, presented by Susar Maring (r)

8.40 Reading Aloud The Royal

economy (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde

6.55am Weather
7.00 Morning Concert:
Mendelssohn (Scherzo, A
Nidsumer Night's Dream);
Durufle (Four Motets on
Gregorian Themes); Stravinsky
(Dumbarton Oaks)
7.30 Meas

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Offenbach (Overture, La belle
Helène); Mozart (Piano
Concerto No 6 in B flat, K.
3232 Sch. 2000 (Contact) 283); Schumann (Fantasy Pieces, Op 73); Johann Strauss, son (Emperor Waltz)

8.30 News
8.35 Roads to Spain: During the
16th century, Portuguese
composers flourished, despite
Spanish rule, Taverner Choir

Spanish rule. Tavemer Choir and Consort under Andrew Parrott performs Cardoso (Missa Regina caeli); Coehlo (Tento do primeiro torn) (r) 5 Academy of 5t Martin-In-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble: The first of five programmes celebrating the ensemble's 25th anniversary. Mozart (Divertimento in E flat, K 113); Mendelssohn (Octet for Strings, Op 20); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro) 5 Music Weeldy, with Peter Paul Nash 10 Ozawa and the BSO: The

11.00 Ozawa and the BSO: The first of ten concerts, recorded between 1984 and 1990, marking the Japanese conductor Seiji Ozawa's second decade as music director of the Boston SO. New England Conservatory Chorus; BSO under Ozawa performs Berlioz (L'Enfance du

Christ)

12.45pm Table Talk in Greenland:
Paul Allen samples seal
casserole in its own intestines
1.00 News 1.05 Your Concert Choice: Haydn Symphony No 10 in D: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Reger (String Quartet No 4 in E flat: Reger Quartet); Poulenc (Les chemins de l'amour); Mozart (Piano

Concerto No 27 in B flat, K 2.30 Dmitri Hvorostovsky bantone, Oleg Boshnyakovich, piano, perform Tachakovsky (A Tear Trembies, Op 6 No 4; No, only he who has known, Op 6 No 6; The Fearful Minute, Op No 1; The Nightingale, Op 60 No 4; I Opened the Window, Op 63 No 2; Exploit, Op 60 No 11; Again, as before, alone, Op 73 No 6; Don Juan's Serenade, Op 38 No 1); Rachmaninov (The Dream, Op 8 No 5; She is Lovely as the Noon, Op 14 No 9; Oh, no, I bed you, forsake me not. On 4

Noon, Op 14 No 9; Oh, no, I beg you, forsake me not, Op 4 No 1; Sing not to me, beautiful maiden, Op 4 No 4; When yesterday we met, Op 26 No 13; Chnst is Risen, Op 26 No 6; In the Silence of the Secret Night, Op 4 No 3; He took all from me, Op 26 No 2; Fragment from Musset, Op 21 No 6) 3.55 Poet of the Month: Ted Hughes reads poems by Emily Dickinson Brendel in Brahms: Alfred Brendel, piano; Rotterdam PO under Benza perform Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat,

Op 83)
5.00 Soundings: Michael Oliver
visits places associated with
the composer Charles lives
6.00 An American Mass: A celebration of the Eucharist for the first Sunday after Easter, recorded in Trainty Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, USA 7.00 Hamset, Prince of Denmark

● CHOICE: However you look at it, this has Big Occasion written all over it the full text (first Folio, with additions and amendments from the second Quarto); co-production by the Renaissance Theatre Compar and Racko 3, a cast headed by And Nation 3, a cast neaper by Kenneth Branagh (Hamlet, co-directing with the BBC's Glyn Dearman), Derek Jacobi (Claudius), Juid Dench Gertrude). Richard Briers onius) and John Gielgud the Ghost), a movie-worthy score by Patrick Doyle; and, quaranteeing a long shelf-life, the whole four-hour audio-spectade is available on CD and cassette. Was it worth all the time, effort and money. the time, effort and money?

Hand on heart, your previewe affirms that the mountain has laboured and brought forth anything but a mouse 10.55 Boulez Conducts Debussy (Images: BBC 50) 11.35 Bartok (String Quartet No 4: Hanson Quartet) (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

COMPILED BY SUSAN THOMSON AND GILLIAN MAXEY
TV CHOICE STEPHANIE BILLEN/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

RADIO 4 5.40 Lines of Communication: Are You Sitting Comfortably? Patrick Hannari tries to bridge

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, and 6.03
Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30
News; Moming Has Broken, ind Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55
Weather 7.00 News 7.10
Sunday Papers
7.15 The Living World (r) 7.40
Sunday 7.55 Weather 8.00
News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 George Baker speaks for the Week's Good Cause about Book Trust, which encourages people of all ages to read 8.55
Weather

Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by
Astair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from
Ramsden Road Baptst Church,
Dallane

Balham
10.15 The Archers' Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Hugh
Prysor-Jones
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's Castaway is the tenor
Anthony Roife-Johnson (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend,
presented by Nick Clarks 1.55 presented by Nick Clarke 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Gardeners of the Leeds Castle Amembers of the Leeds Castle and Hollingbourne Garden Society put their quenes to Dr Stefan Buczacku, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward, With Clay Jones in the chair 2.30 Sunday Playhouse — Ben Travers Double Bill. A

Cuckoo in the Nest. Adapted from the novel and stage play by Peter King. In 1925 an innocent couple is forced to spend an "adulterous" night together. With Joan Hickson together. With Joan Hickson and Freddie Jones (s) (r) 4.00 News; Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bard? Jeremy Nicholas takes a light-hearted look at what is good, bad and bizarre about Shakespeare (r) 4.47 Traceurs Islands: Livit

4.47 Treasure Islands: Judy Kampiner considers the cat in children's interature

5.00 News; Down the River: Cliff Morgan journeys along the Rhondda Fawr and the Rhondda fach to Pontypridd where they join the River Taff

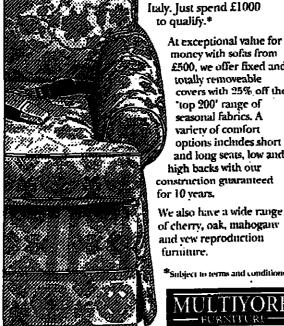
Coin Haydn Evans's four-part version of Chaucer's blend of romance, farce and morality tales. With Simon Carter as the Pardoner (s) (r)

11.00 Out of Order Patrick Hannan chairs the polinical quiz (s) (r)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Through the Depths. In the first of five programmers on the deeper

programmes on the deeper emotions, Ronald Ayres considers delight (s) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

PREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92 4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92 4. 94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3 Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.



BRITISHARWAYS

BBC1

6.35 Open University (6597212) 7.25 News and weather (8268534) 7.30 Hallo Spencer. Puppet fun (r) (5819090) 7.50 Babar. Cartoon adventures with the regal elephant (5820106) 8.15 The Jetsons. Cartoon fun with the space-age family (7705767) 8.35 Round the Twist. Australian fantasy-drama (r) (5822908) 9.00 Parallel 9 (s) (81701309)

10.55 Film: Sesame Street Presents Follow that Bird (1985) starring John Candy and Chevy Chase. When Big Bird runs away from his foster family his friends set out to find him. Directed by Ken Kwapis (2887274)

12.20 Popeye Classics (b/w). Vintage cartoon fun (r) (5223380) 12.27 Weather (5248699)

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 Football: Outgoing PSV Eindhoven coach Bobby Robson takes an inside look at Holland, the defending European champions; 1.00 News; 1.05 and 4.00 Snooker: second-round action in the Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible, Sheffield; 2.10 and 3.00 ice Hockey: coverage of both semi-finals in the Heineken championship from Wembley Arena; 2.40 Motor Racing: the second-round of the Esso British touring car championship at Thruxton; 3.40 Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score (48349318)

5.10 News and weather (7825800) 5.20 Regional News and sport (8084583)

5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson presents a selection of cartoons directed by Tex Avery (7577125)

5.50 Jim'll Fix it. Jimmy Savile fixes it for two women to be whisked off in a helicopter, for a young man to ride on the world's largest rollercoaster, and for a woman to sing with the 8irmingham Mass Choir. (Ceefax) (s) (924380)



Los Angeles crimebusters: Dan Aykroyd, Tom Hanks (6.55pm) 6.25 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the show that outs celebrities under pressure. (Ceefax) (s) (354941)

6.55 Film: Dragnet (1987). Comedy based on the classic American television series. Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks star as detectives out to catch the people behind a series of bizarre crimes in Los Angeles. (Ceefax) (s) (98380699)

8.40 On the Up. Penultimate episode of the disappointing comedy series starries Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire (r). (Ceefax) (s)

9.10 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (851670) 9.30 Boxing. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the WBC featherweight title fight between Liverpool's Paul Hodkinson and Texan Steve Cruz, from the Maysfield Leisure Centre in Belfast. Commentary by Harry Carpenter (827105) 10.20 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and her team investigate more cases of

consumer complaints. (Ceefax) (s) (981038)

11.00 Film: Critters (1986) starring Dee Wallace Stone and Billy Zane.
Comedy about some furry aliens who land on earth pursued by bounty hunters. However they soon discover that humans make a tasty addition to their usual fodder. Directed by Stephen Herek

12.25am Chuck Berry Live at the Roxy. A repeat showing of the legendary rock 'n' roller in concert at the Roxy in Los Angeles. He is joined by Tina Turner and his daughter Ingrid (r) (7856607) 1.25 Weather (4303046)

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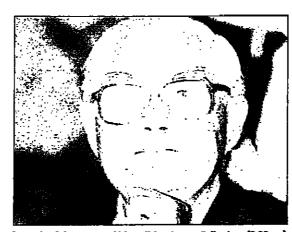
6.40 Open University: Technology — Critical Path 7.05 Maths — Area for Revision 7.30 Geology — Rock Texture 7.55 The Oldham Experience 8.20 Desert Ecology 8.45 IT for You 9.10 Health Visiting and the Expire 8.25 A Telegraphia 6.55 and 6.0 Librar Chairse and the Family 9.35 A Telescope in Space 10.00 Living Choices — Supporting Systems 10.25 Languages for Learning 10.50 Learning to Care 11.15 Hearing the Call 11.40 A Woman's Hospital? 12.05 Data Modelling — The Wood from the Trees 12.30 Education — Face to Face 12.55 Discovering 16th Century Strasbourg 1.20 Materials in Action — The Future on Display 1.45 Urban Development — The Phoenix Initiative 2.10 Ways with Words 2.35 End of Empire — the Refashioning of Literature (43274) 3.00 Mahabharat. After 93 episodes the Indian drama draws to a close.

In Hindi with English subtitles (4250421)

3.50 Art of the Third Reich: The Orchestration of Power.

Documentary examining the scale of the collaboration which artists offered the Third Reich (r) (9754038) 4.50 World Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of this afternoon's second-round matches from the Crucible in Sheffield

7.15 News and Sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (556767) 7.30 Kenneth Clark's Rembrandt. In the third of five progr Lord Clark shows how Rembrandt established himself as a highly



Portrait of the man and his politics: James Callaghan (8.00pm) successful portrait painter in 17th-century Amsterdam and began to attract many important commissions (r) (598)

8.00 Labour's Last Premier.

 CHOICE: From the moment we are re-introduced to James Callaghan with his arms around a sheep, it is clear that this is to be no ordinary portrait of Britain's one-time foreign secretary, chancellor, home secretary and prime minister. Now 80 years old and full of the joys of farming, Sunny Jim seems, if anything, sunnier. Still, the old Roy Jenkins description of his "avuncular persuasiveness flavoured with a dash of menace" tends to linger in the mind and in between chuckling over film-clips of key moments in his career, Callaghan admits to short-temperedness, bullying those he felt could stand up for themselves (i.e. journalists) and cultivating a cheerful face in order to disguise his alarm at the state of the economy, it's fascinating stuff explaining a lot about the man and his politics (2187)

9.00 Have I Got News For You? New series of the topical quiz show (r)

9.30 Rhythms of the World: Put Me on a VHS. The fifth and final season of the series that charts world music. The first programme looks at the development of videos over the last few years ar musicians discuss how they want their music to be portraved on film

10.25 The Frankle Howerd Story. A repeat of the Arena special in tribute to the late comedian (248835) 11.25 World Snooker. Further coverage of the second round from

12.15am Film: Broken Noses (1987)

CHOICE: "I wanted a record of this guy. I felt that I needed more than a photograph." Best known for his fashion pictures, Bruce Weber showed his talents as a film-maker with this beautiful movie. about a young American boxer, Andy Minsker. At first it seems as it style is winning over content as the camera revels in Minsker's likeness to Chet Baker and pans with homoerotic intensity over the bodies of the young fighters. But the film is about more than its handsome images and evocative jazz soundtrack. Weber gradually builds up a sensitive portrait of the boxer, showing his skills as a trainer, his loyalty to his own coach, and most intriguingly, his emotionally fraught family life (9446713). Ends at 1.35

6.00 TV-am (8610564)
9.25 Gimme 5. The first of a new series for young people presented by Jenny Powell and Lewis McLeod from Tyne Tees's Studio 5. Among this morning's guests are Kylie Minogue, Wayne Dobson and Scottish band Cicero (48951564)

11.30 Zorro. Swashbuckling adventures set in Spanish occupied California (8019) **12.00 The ITV Chart Show.** The *Vintage Vault* features Cyndi Lauper with

"Time After Time (s) (97632)
1.00 News and weather (24181632) 1.05 LWT News (24180903) 1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy analyse the week's critical championship, promotion and relegation games (5829922) 1.55 The Day (58559941)

2.00 Cartoon Time (r) (23254699) 2.10 Film: Funny Lady (1975) starring Barbra Stressand, who celebrated her 50th birthday yesterday, James Caan and Omar Sharif. A disappointing sequel to Funny Girl, this musical continues the story of the entertainer Fanny Brice, who is now divorced from her gambler husband and feeling the pinch during the Depression. Directed by Herbert Ross. (Orade) (85104105)

4.45 Results Service presented by Eton Welsby (6600090)
5.00 News and weather (8066187) 5.05 LWT News (7926583)

5.15 Cartoon Time (7922767) 5.25 Only Joking. The first of a new series in which viewers share their favourite funny stories with other members of the public. Presented by Bradley Walsh with resident cornections Dave Lee and Dave Wolfe (s) (7553\$45)

5.55 Beverly Hills, 90210. Drama series about Californian poor little rich kids. (Oracle) (402583) 6.50 Wayne Dobson — a Kind of Magic. A new series of magic and illusion. With guests Marti Caine and This Morning presenters Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (958816)



Crime does not pay: Bowles, Mills and Murray (8.05pm) 7.20 Bob's Your Uncle. Game show for newlyweds, presented by Bob Monkhouse (s) (208274)

8.05 Perfect Scoundrels.

 CHOICE: This is the first in a new series of the watchable comedy CHOICE: This is the first in a new senes of the watchable comedy drama starning Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray as two struggling conmen. In tonight's episode, they are beginning to sound like accountants, worrying about the lack of pension afforded by their career in crime and, in the case of Bowles, deciding he must be "past it" now that his much younger lover has finally left him. A breath of sea air, courtesy of a mysterious party host (Sir John Mills), seems like a good idea at the time, but when the pair arrive at their posh seaside hotel they are disconcerted to find it swarming with fallow more sea audiences fed on a diet of fast-need con-artist films. ellow roques. Audiences fed on a diet of fast-paced con-artist films like The Grifters may be disappointed to see so few actual scams taking place, but the unusual plot is always intriguing (365019) 9.05 News with Carol Barnes. Weather (832545) 9.20 LWT Weathe

9.25 Victoria Wood: Sold Out. Songs and patter from the exceptional comedienne, recorded at one of her national tour concerts. (Oracle)

10.30 World Championship Boxing. Live coverage from Manchester's G-Mex Centre of Chris Eubank's second defence of his WBO super middleweight title, against John Jarvis from Richmond, Virginia. With commentary by Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt (27748) 11.30 Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of raw army

conscripts on active duty in Vietnam (33729)

12.35am WCW Pro Wrestling. More grunt, grapple and groan from the United States (6677794)

1.30 The Farm. The Liverpool pop group in concert before an enthusiastic local audience (s) (59046) 2.25 New Music (2875423) 3.30 American College Football. Highlights from the Hula Bowl

4.25 The Hit Man and Her. Disco sounds, news and fashions (2227684) 5.30 ITN Morning News (59881). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (s) (7163922) 6.25 Eureeka's Castle. Fun for the under-fives (r) (2609106) 6.55 Once Upon a Time...Life. An exploration of the heart (r) (7625903) 7.25 In Conversation With... Henry Biofeld talks to Australian rugby union captain Nick Farr-Jones (7550187) 7.55 Trans World Sport international sporting news (6602552) 9.00 News Summary (959922) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line (1286293)

10.00 Sign On. Magazine programme for the hearing impaired (21274) 10.30 Film: The Lone Wolf Strikes (1940, b/w) starring Warren William who comes to the aid of wealthy loan Perry when her pearl nect lace

is stolen. Directed by Sidney Salkow (3970748)

11.45 The Magic Rolling Board. A wild magical ride on a rolling board (8191380) 12.00 Get Smart. Spoof spy series (80854) 12.30 Sumo. Coverage of the first tournament of 1992, the Hatsu Basho

from Tokyo's Kokugikan Arena (s) (r) (16767)

1.00 Film: The Old Maid (1939, b/w) starring Bette Davis in this weepie about an unmarried mother who opens an orphanage where she can hide her illegitimate daughter. With Miriam Hopkins, George Sanders and Donald Crisp. Directed by Edmund Goulding (65121854)

2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 3.00, 3.30, 4.05 and 4.40 races (45035361) 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (7799729)

6.30 News summary (720372) 6.35 Right to Reply introduced by Sheena McDonald. A viewer asks why there are no gay characters in television sitcoms, while another two, older, viewers bemoan the excessive use of background music in

television documentaries. (Teletext) (s) (977941)
7.00 Great Britain United. Leading black footballers John Barnes, lan Wright, Luther Blisset and Paul Davis speak out about the problems of getting to the top (r) (1835)

8.00 to 11.05 TV Heaven. Frank Muir introduces classics from 1966 (751670)

8.05 George and the Dragon (b/w) starring Sid James, Peggy Mount and John Le Mesurier. In this pilot episode the butler and the new housekeeper meet in a taxi and dislike each other on sight, only to learn later that they will be working together. (Teletext) (603816) 8.55 Dare I Weep, Dare I Mourn. James Mason stars in John Le Carre's

cold war drama as a timid man who becomes embroiled in a conspiracy when he travels across the Berlin Wall to collect the body of his father. (Teletext) (6419854)

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10.00 Danger Man (b/w).

● CHOICE: Sadly this is one of those TV Heaven offerings that doesn't quite stand the test of time. Stodgy direction, hammy acting and a tedious plot about some stolen papers combine to make you wonder why anyone watched it in the first place. The answer, of course, lies in the relentlessly cool performance of Patrick McGoohan. Surrounded by buffoonish villains and force-fed with tines such as "Suppose I say that if you're not forthcoming I'll take you by the scruff of your dubious neckband and march you off to the police", it's amazing how he escapes with any dignity at all. Yet as secret agent John Drake, McGoohan is more than effective. He is sparingly violent, mildly witty and most importantly in view of his later cult status in *The Prisoner*, mysterious (3446038) 11.05 Court TV: America on Trial - California v Powell. Four Los

Angeles policemen are on trial for brutally beating a motorist during



Maid in San Francisco's Chinatown: Cora Miao (12.10am)

an arrest. Unluckily for them the episode was captured on film by an amateur cameraman (s) (831019)

12.10am Film: Dim Sum — a Little Bit of Heart (1985) starring Kim and Laureen Chew and Cora Miao. Gentle comedy about a Chinese widow living in San Francisco's Chinatown who is convinced that she is dying. Directed by Wayne Wang. Ends at 1.45 (816713)

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6,00am Danger Bay (53456) 6,30 Elephant.
80y (70563) 7,00 Fun Factory (8088090)
12,00 Film: The Good, the Bad and the Hucklebery Hound (74380) 2,00pm WWF Superstars of Wrestling (62545) 3,00 Mon-tey (45729) 4,00 Iron Horse (57564) 5,00 Lottery (2632) 6,00 Return to Treasure Island (31090) 7,00 T.J. Hooker (90767) 8,00 Unsoked Mystenes (76187) 9,00 Cops I (53748) 9,30 Cops II (53748) 9,30 Cops II (53748) 11,00 All American Wrestling (59038) 11,00 Kaz (93903) 12,00 Boney (31572) 1,00am Pages Irom Skytext

SKY NEWS Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour 6.00am Summe (4268038) 9.30 Nightline

(46038) 12.30pm Those Were The Days (64670) 1.30 Holiday Destinations (72699) 2.30 Fashion TV (64361) 3.30 Those Were The Days (76903) 4.30 Our World (5980) 5.00 Live at Five (48699) 6.30 Newsline Weekend (72360) 7.30 Fashion TV (88187) 8.30 Holiday Destinations (63293) 10.30 Newsline Weekend (58632) 11.30 Fashion TV (26545) 12.30 am Newsline (83046) 1.30 ABC News (80930) 2.30 Holiday Destinations (53684) 3.30 ABC News (11249) 4.30 Those Were The Days (33510) 5.30 Newsline (86959)

SKY MOVIES+

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase (26534)
 8.00 Turner and Hooch (1989). Police investigator Tom Hanks learns up with a junkyard dog (86125) 10.00 Cardy Eller (1985): Modern-day version of the Cinderella tale (10670)

(96767) 10.30 Our World (11748) 11.00 11.00 Stood Up: A gri sues her date when Dayline (64854) 11.30 Newsitne Weekend he fails to take her to the prom (3437090) Love Boat (3922) 6.00 Car 54, Where Are Your (1293) 6.30 The Monkess (2545) 7.00 11.50 Oh, Heavenly Dogi (1980): Chey Chase is relicamated as a dog (75350816) 1.35pm Flash Gordon (1980): Sam Jones plays the comic-step hero (557097729) 3.30 WWNF European Rampage — Again!: Last week's tournament from the Sheffield Arena (579300)
6.00 Turner and Hoodh (as 8am)
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7.40 Entertainment Tonight (703748)
8.00 Look Who's Tailding (1989): Cab
driver John Travolta babysis for unmarried
mother Kissie Alley (45629)
10.00 Robocop 2 (1990): Peter Weller
reprises his role as the cyborg law enforcer
(870036)
11.55 Emmanicalle (1974): Erotic drama
staming Sylvia Kristel (565545)
1.35am Downtown (1990): A naive white
policeman teams up with a black veteran
(6854046)

3.00 Mutant (1983): Zombies besiege a

Reynolds stars as the Malibu detective (61191380) 7-59 Sportlight (432748) 8.15 Creator (1985): Comedy staming Peter O'Toole, who endeavours to replicate his clean wide (40020941).

11-30 Ross view and the state of the (466835)
1.20am Gorgo (1961): King Kong-style adventure story (2113387)
2.40 The Last Marriad Couple in America (1980): Cornedy starring George Segal and Natalie Wood (290133). Ends at 4.20

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

EUROSPORT

4.35 The Ultimate Warrior (1975): Futuris-tic adventure (4322268). Ends at 5.55 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

O Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Asterix and the Surprise of Caesar (1990): Cartoon (13970748) 8.00 The Yellow Rolls Royce (1964): Episodic comedy (11842854) 10.15 The Electric Horsessen (1980): Robert Redford steals a thoroughbred horse

(233496)
12.15pm The Blue Bird (1940, b/w): Fairy tale starring Shirley Temple (508038)
2.15 Road Raldiers (1989): Bruce Bodetiner and passengers crashland in Japanese-occupied territory (588274)
4.15 Presumed Guility (1990): Martin Sheen campaigns against the murder conviction of the estranged step-son (476090)
6.15 B.L. Stryker — Plates (1990): Burt Reynolds stars as the Malbu detective (61191380)

dead wife (49938941) 10.05 Trapped (1989): Office workers are staked by a psychotic killer (266477) 12.45 Kiss of the Vampire (1963): Horror

Mansion (8729) 8.00 A Tribute to Benny (78583) 10.00 Comic Strip Live (57090) SKY SPORTS

Vis the Astra and Ma 6.30am Aerobics (46336) 7.00 Fishing the West (40835) 7.30 European League Round-Up (67106) 8.30 German Football (18106)

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e Via the Astra satellite. 12.00 Rambo (50748) 12.30pm Spral Zone (79361) 1.00 Captain Power (32816) 1.30 African Wave (18344552) 1.55 Formula One (6824854) 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday (7412090) 3.05 He Shoots, He Scores (4231670) 4.00 The Lords of Holywood (80816) 5.00 Flash Gordon (9632) 5.30 Burns and Allen (7212,0.00 The Seb-a-Vision Shopping Programme (2556458) 10.00 Julebox Muss Videos (4417038) 2.00am Last Julebox Dance (96220)

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FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden 6.00 Barbara Sturgeon: The Saturday Show 8.05 Brian Matthew: Sources of the 1960s 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gyles Brandreth 1.00pm Comedy Hour: The Goon Show (r), and at 1.30 The News Huddines (r) 2.00 Romale Hilton: Sounds of the 1950s 3.00 Steek Race 4.00 Sounds of Sinatra 5.00 The Mowe Hour. Cinema 2, and at 5.30 Make Ten Laugh: Spools, Satires and Send-ups. Bernard Cribbins on film comedy (r) 6.00 Mile. Herding and Finends 7.00 Tunny That Warr Mel Brooks (r) 7.30 Gilbert and Sulfivan; Iolanthe Ian Wallace introduces the Send-ups. in: Jolanthe Ian Wallace Introduces the Savi ras (r) 10.00 Easy Does it 10.30 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.30am Fran Godfrey with Nig

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Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday (7659813) 1.00 The Disney Hour (1005038) 1.50 News (75330767) followed by Road to Avonlea (3121699) 2.45 Gursmoke (3733361) 3.40 (3121699) 2.45 Gunsmoke (3733361) 3.40 Huddeberry Finn and Finends (3613800) 4.05 Film: April in Paris (36227767) 6.00 The Angelus (8656583) 6.01 News (3579748) 6.15 Mailbeg (6628212) 6.40 Talkabout (8985187) 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Genera-tion (1192570) 8.00 Calor Housewrie '92 (9060816) 9.00 News (9205212)

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather; News Headline 7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in 8 minor for 4 violins, RV 580); Chopin

violins, RV 580); Chopin (Noctume in B mirror, Op 62 No 1); Weber (Concertino in C mirror, Op 26) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert: Rossini (Overture, The Thieving Magpie); Brahms (Trio in E flat, Op 40); Fauré (Après un rêve); Saint-Saèns (Phaeton) 8.30 News

Saint-Saëns (Phaeton)
8.30 News
8.35 Mozart and Haydn: Alberni
Quartet performs Mozart (Flute
Quartet in A, K 298: Michelle
Lee); Haydn (Quartet in C, Op
76 No 3, Emperor); Mozart
(Flute Quartet in D, K 285) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review, with
Richard Osborne. Record
Review — Building a Library:
The composer Robin Holloway
review's Debussy's Pelléas et
Mélisande; Roger Nichols on
recent releases of organ music.
10.40 Record Release: Strauss 10.40 Record Release: Strauss (Suite for 13 wind instruments Op 4); Messiaen (Diptyque); Handel (Trio Sonata in G (bachiana braseeira No 8); Haydn (Sonata in E flat, H XVI

52); Madetoja (Symphony No 12.55pm Molecules: Professor lan Stewart reveals how a fact about the universe has changed his view of it

1.05 The Newest Lessons: Timothy Roberts plays the 1683 harpsichord at Hovingham Hall, Yorkshire (r)

1.40 Royal Concertgebouw Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Claus Peter Flor, with Jaap van Zweden, violin, Godfried Hoogeveen, cello, performs Brah (Double Concerto in A minor, Op 102); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10 in E minor,

Op 93) Beethoven: Sophie Rolland, cello, Marc-André Hamelin, piano, perform Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1; Seven Variations on "Ber Männern, welche Liebe fühlen" from Mozart's Die Zauberflöte, WoO 46 4.00 James Bowman: A 20th-Century Voice. Brian Kay celebrates the 25-year career

of the counter-tenor James Bowman. In the first of four

Bowman, who chooses his own recordings of music by Tavener, Wesley, Handel, Monteverdi, Purcell, Orff and 5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith 5.45 Third Opinion: Includes

reviews of Kenneth Branagh in a new production of Hamlet, on Radio 3 tomorrow, the 17th-century cornedy, A Jovial Crew; and Wim Wenders's film, Until the End of the 6.30 A Bohemian In Vienna: Vorisek (Violin Sonata in G, Op 5: Cenek Pavlik; Ivan Klansky,

7.00 Così fan tutte: Vienna State Opera Chorus; Vienna PO under Riccardo Muti in a performance of Mozart's opera from last year's Salzburg Festival. Sung in Italian. 8.30 A Profoundly Disturbing Work. A

Profoundly Disturbing Work, A personal interpretation of Cosl fan trate by Rodney Maines. 8.40 Act 2

10.15 Will You, Won't You?

© CHOKCE: Graeme Fife's short stories about famous composers — tonight's, read by Edward De Souza, is about the young Eigar who was invited to become visiting composer for, and conductor of, a lunatic asylum's orchestra — are rooted in blographical soil, but their main sustenance soil but their main sustenance is drawn from the writer's rich imagination. In the Elgar story, the mad noises that greet him as he is escorted through the asylum's communal bathroom are analogous to an orchestral percussion section. The brass players and their unexpected

talent become the analogy that decides whether Elgar will, or won't, join the strange will, or won't, join the strange dance

10.35 Vale of Glamorgan Festival:
The pianist Nikolai Demidenko plays Gubaidulma (Chiaconna); Prokoflev (Sonata No 4, From Old Notebooks; Visions fugitives, Op 22); Scriabin (Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor, Op 23; Vers la flamme, Op 72)

12.00 News

12.00 No 12.00 News 12.05em-3.30 Russian Orthodox Easter Vigil: Live from All Saints Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens London

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.20 Listeners

Letters 7.25, 8.25 Snorts News

7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4, with Bryon Butler 9.30 Breakaway, presented by Pete Sport on a, with bryon Butter Breakaway, presented by Pete McCarthy. Includes a report on tourism in Pakistan News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Shemin and quest fol 10.00 Na

and guests (s) 11.00 News; Talking Politics: The Whip Hand. David Walter investigates the ways and means of the Party Whips in Westminster
11.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough
considers Europe's future as a
playground for tourists
12.00 Money Box, with Maggie

Drummond 12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took guizzes team captains Richard ingrams and Alan Coren and guests (s) 12.55 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion from Bath between Lord Jenkins of Hillhead; Judith Chapfin, MP, former political adviser to John Major; writer and broadcaster Jonathon Porritt; and Joan Lester, MP (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071580 4411. Ring Jonathan
Dimbleby with your queries on
the issues raised in Any

estions? Lines open from 12.30pm 2.30 Saturday Playhouse — Ben Travers Double Bill: The Dippers. Peter King's 1989 Sony award-winn Ben Travers stars Michael Williams and Judi Dench, A

natisation of the novel by country weekend goes disastrously wrong, with mistaken identities, impersonations and the enchanting Mrs Dipper (Belinda Walker) (s) (r)

RADIO 4 4.00 News; A Sense of Place: Nottingham — Lace, Coal and Robin Hood. The first of three

Robin Hood. The first of three programmes in which Andy Croft investigates how northern English regions are maintaining their traditional identities (s) (r)

4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis 5.00 The Living World: Lionel Kelleway discovers that nature is burgeoning in the churchyard

5.25 Fourth Column, presented by Simon Hoggart 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News and Sports Round-Up

6.25 Week Ending: A review of the week's news (s) (r)

6.50 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson (s)

Robinson (s)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Just Giving
Concerts Isn't Enough, Robert

Concerts Isn't Enough, Robert Dawson Scott considers whether the future of both orchestras and their audiences is dependent upon work beyond the concert hall (s)

7.50 Classic Serial: Carmen.
Conduding Stephen Jeffreys's two-part adaptation of the story by Prosper Menmée.
With Adjoa Andoh (s)

8.50 Visiting Lives: The biographer A.S. Byatt talks to Alan Judd about his work on Ford Madox Ford (s) (r)

Ford (s) (r) 9.20 Music in Mind, presented by Brian Kay (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten, led by Canon John Oates (s) 9.59 Weather 10.15 The Art of Travel Writing: Annette Kobak chairs a discussion on the demise of the serious traveller (s) (r) 10.45 Beloved Country: Carel

Boshoff considers the possible dangers of abandoning racial dangers of abandoning racial segregation (r)

11.00 Richard Balker Companes Notes with Robert Salter, Benjamin Buckton and Jame Carwardine of the Guildhalf String Ensemble (s) (r)

11.30 Victoria Wood — As Heard on TV. The cornedenne's award-witming series comes to radio (s) radio (s) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20

Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service

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